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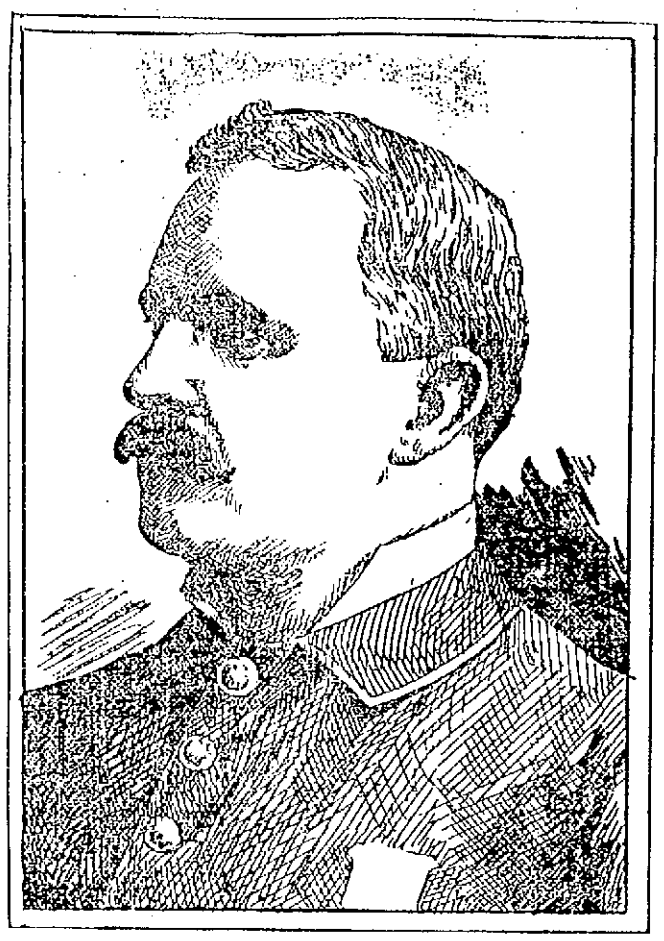

OFFICER J. B. CROWLEY, Who Is Becoming Famous for Gathering in Pick Pockets.

A CLEVER CAPTURE

Pickpocket Arrested by Officer Crowley

HE STOLE A POCKETBOOK FROM A WOMAN.

Alleged Burglar Taken in by the Police.

The pickpockets who generally reap a harvest during the Christmas season started in here yesterday and one of them was arrested early in the game by Officers John B. Crowley and Mat. McCann.

In Pollard's, on Thursday, a pickpocket tried to get a pocketbook from a woman but was frustrated though he made his escape.

Yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock Mrs. Joseph Perreault of 559 Moody street while looking over articles in Knox & Charlton's store on Merrimack street felt some one tugging at her pocketbook. She attempted to catch the thief but he got away and ran down Central street. Officer Mat McCann who was off duty happened around just at this time and upon learning of the robbery obtained a description of the robber and acquainted Officer J. B. Crowley of the fact. The latter had such a man in mind and while they were discussing him the very man came along.

When he saw the officers looking at him closely he broke into a run rushing into the Lowell Inn. The officers ran after him, Officer Crowley going in the front door and the fleet-footed McCann going around to the rear entrance to head him off. Officer Crowley caught his man in the barroom and sent him to the police station.

He gave the name of William Sweeney, aged 17 years, though he appears much older. At first he denied his guilt but later admitted it. The pocketbook contained eight dollars.

WANTED FOR BURGLARY.

Richard Smith, aged 27 years, was arrested for drunkenness Thursday night by Officer Mulony and when he appeared in court Friday morning the inspectors identified him as the man for whom they had been looking for a long time on the charge of breaking and entering. He will appear in court today to answer to several charges of larceny and breaking and entering.

A number of suits of clothes and articles of jewelry that Smith is alleged to have stolen have been recovered and it is claimed that he has committed nearly a dozen different breaks all over the city.

Principal Henry H. Harris entertained the Varnum school pupils yesterday afternoon with a graphophone exhibition.

G. O. Taylor Whiskies, physicians advocate them.

ORDERS TO OTIS

To Take the Island of Iloilo.

NO SPECIAL REASON IS STATED.

Why This Step is Taken at Present.

Washington, Dec. 24—By direction of the president, Sec. Alger yesterday afternoon cabled to Gen. Otis, in command of the United States forces at Manila, directing him to capture without delay Iloilo.

No further instructions were cabled the general, who is left full discretion as to the methods to be employed.

It is believed by war department officials that Gen. Otis will probably send a couple of regiments to Iloilo, and that Admiral Dewey will co-operate with him to the extent of a couple of cruisers, the defences of the place not being strong enough to require the sending of the monitors.

THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS.

will be spent in Lowell today buying Christmas presents, but it is safe to say there never were so many valuable presents given away in one day at any store in the city as will be given away free today by the New Test company, opposite the post office on Gorham street. Free electric car passes for those who come a distance and free boxes of Christmas candy to the children will be continued till 11 o'clock tonight.

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MONEY DEPOSITED
On or before Tuesday, Jan. 3, in the Savings Department of the
TRADERS' NATIONAL BANK
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£ CHRISTMAS DRAFTS At Market Rates
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A MERRY BANQUET

Tendered City Government by Col. C. A. R. Dimon.

SPEECHMAKING GALORE WITHOUT POLITICS.

City Fathers Speak on City Government.

It was a merry time that jolly Col. Dimon provided for his guests at the American House, last evening when to his cordial invitation about 50 members of the present city government, the heads of departments and the city hall reporters assembled at the hotel to exchange with him the greetings of the Christmastide and partake of the Colonel's good cheer.

The invitations stated that there would be no politics allowed and all things considered there was hardly any. A little good natured "knocking" enlivened matters a bit but on the whole the affair was one of the most enjoyable gatherings of the year. As the guests arrived they were welcomed individually by the host and escorted to the hotel parlors where Councilman Libby presided at the piano. Shortly after eight o'clock the line was formed for supper, Mayor Bennett leading escorted by Col. Dimon. Mayor-elect Crowley and Alderman Peirce were unable to attend and sent regrets.

When the excellent menu rendered by Mine Host Leary had been most completely discussed during which Dr. Downs entertained with a few impromptu sketches and Mr. Steinberg with a new shell game, offered by the Shut Club, Col. Dimon called to order and welcomed the guests in brief and happy remarks. The object of the supper was simply to exchange good Christmas cheer, and he assured the members of the City Government that they have reason to be proud of their record during the year; there have been no scandals in connection with their part of the government and every man gave his best efforts to the city. The time will come when the people will ask their candidates to run for office. In conclusion the Colonel wished all to refrain from taffy and personalities and he wished al his colleagues a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. He was received with great applause.

Colonel Dimon then introduced as toastmaster Mayor J. W. Bennett who received three cheers. His Honor started out with the promise to help reenact the section of the chapter of the law which gave the mayor power to appoint heads of departments, as a man who loves the city that he lives in believing that it is for the city's best interest. Everything is not politics. In trouble we are all one.

For the first toast the "City Government," Councilman G. H. Taylor was called upon and he received an ovation. He said that what is needed in city governments to-day is results and how to get these results is the great problem of the country. Every member of the Common Council worked hard for the city's best interests but accomplished little as our system of municipal government is sadly in need of reform. He deeply sympathized with the Superintendent of Streets, whose job he thought a wearisome one with the demands of work made upon him by councilmen, aldermen and their friends. He believed in a longer term of office of the Superintendent of Streets. He believed that the public should attend the meetings of the government more than they do.

Alderman Libby was introduced as the "silent alderman from the sand lots of old ward fine." He reviewed the growth of old ward fun and speaking of his colleagues expressed the belief that they acted for the entire city and not in such a bitterly partisan manner as outsiders would have us believe.

Alderman Goward then was introduced as a wonder on looking after the financial interest of the city. A little man, but a warm one. Alderman Goward said that the finances of the city were an unfathomable oasis of figures and a dilemma. The Committee on Appropriations, he said, is the most important of the city government and in it partisanship disappears before the stern necessity of doing business within the loyal limit. He believed that the membership of the Committee on Accounts should be included in the Committee on Appropriations. It is the citizens and not the members of the government who are extravagant. The members of the city council feel that they must act as their constituents want them. The responsibility lies with the citizen. He believed in giving the Mayor power of appointment and holding him responsible for the expenditure of every cent.

"Rev." Joseph Smith of the Police Department was next called on and he said that the Board of Police have tried to do their duty and they did it well. Of course, when 120 men want 84 licenses there are some who go out and pass opinions on the board. At the end of the year the board gets what the Mayor got, a bouquet with a brick in it and I see by the papers that the board have got the first instalment of theirs. It has been said that the board will have nothing to do, but next year thirst will be a crime and the board will see to it that the public is kept thirsty. They will give you a great desert of Sahara without a single oasis. So consult a specialist and stop talking salt food. We will stop these alcohol-ideys.

Supt. of Schools Whitcomb expressed his gratitude for the privilege of attending such a social gathering as it got the officeholders better acquainted with each other. He then spoke on the importance of the educational department of the government. We do not have to go out of our own state for instructors as to how to run our educational system for we stand at the head in the country in educational affairs and our country leads the world. The members of the City government he said do not get sufficient credit for the good they do for the city. The school board, he said, puts in grand good work without thanks or credit.

Alderman Rivet who knew there was going to be a frost and didn't run was the next speaker. The Alderman said he had been in hiding all day as a result of that meeting of the salary committee. He thought politics were the curse of Lowell and wished there would be none in next year's government. The aldermen this year were all good men and the councilmen excellent beyond everything.

Councilman Markham the advocate of Winter street, spoke briefly on the work of the council.

Lawrence Cummings "the nestor of the press," said that there have been few dishonest men in the city government in the past 17 years. He knew that many of them make mistakes but they are honest mistakes. He believed that the mayor should have the power of appointment without any confirmation for there is one man whom we can get at when any unworthy appointment is made. He spoke on the extravagance of the citizens themselves and said that good men are driven out of office by the importunities of taxpayers.

Col. Pinder who "like the poor will be always with us" as per introduction, said that the pauper department has a family of 469. These are only the inside poor. The outside poor are not so fortunate though that department is being run by a man who is conducting his affairs as economically as any man living could do it. The outside poor department haven't the resources that the inside department has. If the citizens would come to the city farm and see how the money is spent they would not talk so much.

Alderman Cosgrove, "the good looks of the board of aldermen." He hoped that his presence wouldn't give rise to the report that a monstrous deal is on to elect all the republican candidates, which a newspaper always friendly to him, might give a scare head. He knocked the newspapers and advised young men to get their politics in newspaper offices.

Col. Dimon then spoke briefly on the advisability of such reunions as this as it tended to bring members of the government closer together, removed the dangerous feature of partisanship and solidify the unity of action among the council and heads of departments.

President Weaver of the water board "an authority on microbes," said that under the present system there are no microbes. The water board has no politics in it and all work together for the best interests of the city.

Supt. of Streets Cheney spoke on the expenses of the street department which made it impossible to live within the appropriation. The last snow storm finished up the appropriation.

Councilman C. F. Libby and all the members of the city government and heads of departments also spoke and the pleasant affair broke up at a late hour with a general exchange of Christmas greetings, with particularly good wishes for the host of the evening Col. C. A. R. Dimon.

Among those present were:

Col. C. A. R. Dimon, Mayor Bennett, Aldermen Goward, Rivet, Cosgrove, and Libby; Councilman Taylor, Alderman Rivet, Councilmen Whittet, Dann, Lage, Bosca, C. Frank Going, A. K. Whitcomb, George Bowers, C. J. Cheney, Councilmen Markham, Fagan, Howe, Smith, Roarke, Merrill, Wilder, Libby, Murkland, and Paige, W. H. Weiser, Councilmen McCluskey, Leighton, Dr. T. B. Smith, Joseph Smith, Lawrence Cummings, J. W. W. Tilton, Peter J. Brady, Matt. Dowling, V. G. Barnard, Herbert Potter, W. P. McCarthy, Major Allen, Col. A. Pinder, Dr. Downs, David Chase, Girard P. Dadman, Robert Thomas, Frank L. Weaver, Willis P. Burbank, Edward Burns, Robert E. Crowley, Dennis A. Sullivan, John E. Drury, Chief Hosmer, D. N. Pickering, Lewis E. McBrayne, James Hearn.

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49c. for Ladies' Felt Slippers, fur lined.

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$1.23 for Ladies' Satin Juliet, fur trimmed, old gold, black and red.

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Men's Slippers.

45c. for Men's Imitation Alligator Slippers, black and russet.

73c., worth $1, for Men's Opera Slippers, black and russet.

99c. for Men's Harvard tie, black and russet.

$1.49 for Men's Russia Calf Slippers.

Umbrellas,

Dress Suit Cases and Satchels.

98c. for Dresden Handles and Silver trimmed Umbrellas, Gloria Silk.

$2.00 for Union Silk Umbrellas, silver trimmed.

Men's Gloves.

45c. and 75c. for excellent quality, Dog Skin Gloves, in reds, tans and browns.

$1.00 and $1.35 for silk lined, undressed Kid Gloves (Mosha.)

$1.35 and $2.00 for extra fine Kid Gloves, pearl shade.

35c. for T black, horse hide, fleece lined gloves.

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DEEPLY GRIEVED

Concourse of Mourners at St. Peter's Church

FUNERALS OF PROF. TERENCE F. MOLLOY

And Owen Cahill Largely Attended This Forenoon.

The obsequies of the late Prof. Terence F. Molloy took place this forenoon from St. Peter's church where he so long officiated as director of the choir. In the edifice was a large congregation including many musical people from in and out of the city and many of denominations other than the Catholic all anxious by their presence to pay the last tribute of respect at one so highly revered in the community. In the vast concourse of mourners there were members of the Sisters of Charity and brothers of the Xaverian order, while in the choir were singers from all the Catholic choirs of the city and many from the Protestant churches. Many of the singers were so deeply effected that they could not sing the parts assigned them, notably the Misses Louise M. McLaughlin and Nano Gallagher. In the choir there was hardly one who could refrain his tears all feeling that a personal friend had departed this life. This feeling of sadness seemed infectious throughout the edifice for many remembered a friend or relative gone before at whose funeral the dead singer participated and who endeavored to comfort those left behind by sympathetic words voiced in song. Even long before the hour of service the residence of the sister of the deceased, Mrs. Mary A. Phelan was visited by throngs of people all anxious to look for the last time on the face of the dead vocalist as the body reposed in a black broadcloth casket surrounded by choice and fragrant exotics. The countenance bore a look of tranquility and was very life-like betraying no evidence of the sufferings that Mr. Molloy endured. As the remains were carried down the broad aisle of the church the solemn and measured tones of Chopin's funeral march pealed forth being performed on the organ by Mrs. Josephine R. McKennedy. A solemn requiem mass was celebrated by Rev. W. George Mullin and the augmented choir united in singing with impressive effect Schmidt's requiem. The male portion of the choir was unusually strong being one of the most effective ever heard within the edifice. At the offertory Mr. James Murphy of Immaculate Conception choir rendered very sweetly the hymn "Pie Jesu" by Leybach. At the conclusion of Mass the solos of the Libera were also effectively sung by Mr. Murphy. Then Mr. James E. Donnelly sang one of Mr. Molloy's favorite hymns of "No Cross No Crown." This was sung with the beautiful effectiveness for which this popular tenor baritone is noted and coupled with the tender and touching words it moved the congregation to tears. Never before was there such a scene of weeping within the walls of St. Peter's church. Another favorite hymn of the dead director "Rest Spirit Rest," was sung by the large chorus with Miss Josephine Finn of St. Patrick's church as soloist. As the funeral cortege passed from the church the hymn "Nearer My God to Thee" was sung by the choir the voices uplifted while the tear-bedimmed eyes of the singers looked down on the bier containing the remains as it passed beneath them on its journey to the grave.

Among the beautiful floral tributes was a large spray of pink pinks and cycas palms from Mrs. Mary A. Phelan and family; spray of white pinks and cycas palms, Mrs. Thomas H. Bradley of River Point R. I., and Miss Lizzie Molloy; large harp, St. Peter's church choir; mammoth cross and crown, Mr. Albian Taylor, Jr.; large bunch of roses, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Hogan; spray of camallon pinks and palms, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Maguire; spray of roses with satin ribbon attachment, Mr. James T. Hornby; spray of Lamson pinks, Carl and Lena Hart; spray of pinks and satin ribbon, Miss Janet Rowlandson.

The funeral was in charge of Undertaker Peter Davey and the funeral arrangements in charge of Mr. Thomas F. Comerford. The pall bearers were Messrs. Albian Taylor, Jr., Charles T. Donohue, Patrick Corcoran, James McKeown and James T. Hornby. Truly this bereavement falls upon the relatives and friends of the departed singer as the stroke of a heavier hand, breaking the finer cords so delicately woven into human life and that vibrate only to the touch of filial affection.

"Leaves have their time to fall,
And flowers to wither at the North
Wind's breath,
And stars to set; but all—
Thou hath all seasons for thine own,
O Death!"

THE CAHILL FUNERAL.

The funeral services of the late Owen Cahill were very largely attended, many remaining from the Molloy obsequies, which preceded it. In the edifice were noticeable many of the older residents and many out-of-town friends and relatives of Lowell. A requiem mass was celebrated by the pastor of the church, Rev. Michael Ronan. The choir rendered Schmidt's requiem. At the offertory Mr. Edward Martin rendered the hymn for the dead, "De Profundis," and at the conclusion of mass, Mr. James E. Donnelly sang "One Sweetly Solemn Thought." The interment was in the Catholic cemetery in charge of Undertaker Davey, the celebrant of the mass performing the final services at the grave. The pallbearers were Messrs. Patrick Kelley, James Farley, Lawrence Farley, James Cook, Owen Muldoon and Christopher Sheridan. Among the large number of floral tributes was a broken wreath and sickle on mammoth base with the inscription in blue immortelles "Owen" from Mr. Christopher Sheridan and family; large ivy wreath, Mr. P. Kelley; large sheaf of wheat, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Tighe and family.

COL. DIMON, Who Banqueted the Present City Government.

DEATHS.

SANBORN—In the early hours of Sunday morning Mr. George E. Sanborn passed away from this earth to eternal rest. He had been ill about four weeks and the members of the family were around the bedside when he breathed his last. Mr. Sanborn was born in Lowell, Mass., in 1839 and was 7 months old. About thirty years ago he came to Cohoes and after living in this city for about five years he removed to Saratoga, where he made his home for some time. Then he returned to Cohoes in 1881 and resided there until his death. Mr. Sanborn was a respected citizen of Cohoes and many regret sincerely to hear of his death. He was a painter in the employ of James H. Swatling and was one of the most skilful mixers of paints in this section. He attended the Baptist church in Cohoes and was a communicant of the Baptist church at Saratoga. He was a member of Eggerts Ledge, K. of P. He is survived by his wife and three sons, William of Schenectady, Edward and James of Cohoes. The funeral will be held from his late residence, 83 Cheider street, at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Interment will be in Oakland cemetery.—Cohoes (N. Y.) Republican, Dec. 19.

WELL KNOWN ORGANIST.

Prof. Reynolds, the well known musical instructor of New Haven, Conn., and a cousin of Rev. John P. Reynolds, G.M.L., of the Sacred Heart church, is to preside at the organ at the services of the latter church on Christmas day.

OFFICE TO LET—In The Sun building. Inquire at Sun office.

SENATOR HALE

Will Oppose Ratification of the Paris Treaty.

SAYS HE HAS NOT YIELDED

The Position He Originally Assumed.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Lewiston, Me., Dec. 24.—A special from Washington says that Senator Hale revealed today his determination to oppose the ratification of the Paris treaty.

"The newspapers," said the senator, "are representing that this senator has yielded and that another senator has yielded. That seems to be the tactics of the friends of the treaty."

The senator had been reading a Boston dispatch reproduced in the Lewiston Journal, which led him to announce again his position.

Mr. Walter T. Chase, clerk in the office of the Lowell & Suburban street railway company was yesterday presented with a costly pearl handled pen from President B. M. Tucke as a Christmas gift.

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Umbrellas FOR WOMEN FOR MEN

Low Priced Umbrellas and up to finest qualities. There's nothing better for a holiday gift than a good Umbrella.

Women's serge umbrellas, close roll. Dresden and silver mounted handles, 98 cents.

Women's taffeta silk umbrellas, silk cases, close roll. Dresden, natural wood and silver mounted handles. $1.75, $2.25, $2.50, $3 and $4.

Men's serge, gloria and silk umbrellas, all close roll, natural wood, ivory, buckhorn and silver mounted handles. 48c, 74c, 98c and up to $5.

Men's bath wraps, $3.50, $4, $6 and $9.

Suit Cases of patent fibre and solid sole leather, with brass fasteners, or straps, $1.75 to $4.50.

Scarf Pins Newest Paris novelties, latest designs, the proper thing to be worn with puff scarfs.

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COL. BRYAN, Banqueted Last Night By the Women of Lincoln, but no Kissing. He Told of The Evils Confronting This Country and Says the Future of America Is More Important Than That of Cuba or the Philippines.

OLD MACHINERY

From the Wreck of Cervera's Fleet.

AT THE WASHINGTON NAVY YARD.

Some of It Will Be Auctioned.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Washington, Dec. 23.—There is now at the Washington Navy Yard a quantity of marine machinery wrecked from the Cervera fleet after it was sunk around Santiago. This includes launch boilers, torpedo boat engines, hand-pumps and a mass of matter from the Colon and Maria Teresa that would be classed as junk but for its historic associations. The best of the machinery has been ordered shipped to the Naval academy at Annapolis, where it will serve as souvenirs and some of it may be put in sufficient repair to act as models for the engineering classes. The remainder will be broken up or sold at auction.

GREAT SLUMP IN PRICES.

D. F. Cavanaugh, the tailor at 10 Central street, has made a great reduction in Ladies' Tailor-made suits at prices lower than ever quoted by any tailor in the city; also all the latest shades, styles and patterns in Gent's Clothing. You should take advantage of the mark-down sale and save money as well as having the correct style clothing made in the best possible manner at the lowest price in the city. Remember the place—D. F Cavanaugh, 10 Central street. Lowell's most fashionable tailor.

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G. O. Taylor Whiskies suited for the sick room

UPRIGHT PIANO AT DOLL'S For $150.

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FRANK E. DUNN

Charged With Obtaining Money by Fraud.

CASE CONTINUED A FEW DAYS.

At Request of the District Attorney.

Taunton, Mass., Dec. 24.—Frank E. Dunn, of Fall River, was given a hearing in Municipal Court this morning, on the charge of obtaining $200 under false pretenses from George L. Horton of Myricks. Dunn had represented himself as a "General agent of the Associated Press" and as such had engaged Horton to do work, requiring him to put up a cash guarantee. Horton made complaint when he learned that Dunn was not an Associated Press representative. When arraigned Dunn pleaded nolo contendra. Horton testified to the circumstances of paying out the money and also said that restitution in full had been made. Other testimony was offered to the effect that Dunn was not employed by the Associated Press. At the request of the District Attorney, Judge Fox continued the case for a few days for final disposition.

POLICE COURT.

"I'm going to take the pledge after Christmas, your Honor," said one of the drunks, whom Judge Hadley asked to stop drinking this morning.

"After Christmas?" queried the court with emphasis on the "after."

"Yes, Your Honor," as soon as Christmas is over, I'll take it," answered the man in the dock.

"Then I think I'll take care of you until Tuesday when with the holiday over we can talk about the matter," decided the court, sending the man to jail until Tuesday in default of $250 bonds.

There were five drunks.

Winnifred Mulroy, a young girl, who might have been very pretty were it not for her waywardness, was sent to Sherborn for one year for drunkenness, the court expressing regret at not being privileged to send her a better home.

William G. Sweeney, the young man caught picking pockets yesterday pleaded guilty and was sent to the Massachusetts Reformatory.

FUNERALS.

O'BRIEN—The funeral of the late Terrence O'Brien took place this forenoon from the Sacred Heart church and was largely attended. A requiem mass was celebrated by the pastor, Rev. John P. Reynolds, O.M.I. The choir, under the direction of Miss Adelaide Sullivan, rendered the Gregorian chant. The interment was in the Catholic cemetery, Undertaker Davey in charge.

The bearers were Messrs. Patrick O'Neil, John Hinchey, James McLean and Thomas Muldoon.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, } ss.
LUCAS COUNTY.

FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.

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THE GLENMORES.

HELD THEIR SECOND ANNUAL SOCIAL LAST NIGHT.

The Glenmores danced merrily in company with a large gathering of friends in Prescott hall last night. The platform was banked with ferns and tropical plants and holly and in the midst of the foliage was Hibbard's orchestra, the genial "Joe" directing. At 8 o'clock music was played for a waltz and about 300 couples engaged in the dance.

Last night's was the second annual of the Glenmore's, who are at home on the dance floor as well as the gridiron.

The first social of this popular club was held during the dancing season of last year and its grand success encouraged the members to hold an annual dance.

The officers last night were:

General manager, George B. McKidder; assistant, John W. Clark; floor director, Michael J. Murphy; assistant, John E. Whittaker; aids, Harry C. Ashworth, chief aid; Arthur P. Hinchey, Thomas H. Ashworth, Albert E. Wills, chairman; William H. Trask, Crowell, James E. Mountford.

Reception committee—Samuel R. Wills, chairman; William H. Trask, Edward J. McHugh, Dennis Haley, Frank Emerson, Frank J. O'Hare.

MADE HAPPY.

SEVERAL THOUSAND CHILDREN GIVEN GIFTS BY HOOD CO.

From early morning until late this afternoon when the office closed, the shipping department of Hood's laboratory was thronged with children who were given Christmas presents by this popular firm. Coupons had been distributed among the school children to the number of several thousand and about that many little ones arose with the sun this morning to receive their gifts. The office was decorated with Christmas trees through which were strung a number of vari-colored incandescent lights. A force of 10 employes was in charge of the distribution of the presents and Johnny Day collected the coupons while Officer Frawley put the youngsters through the preliminary practise of exhibiting the slips entitling them to a gift.

At noon the crush was such that only a limited number of children would be allowed in the distribution room at a time and the process of arrival and exit of the youngsters was so systematic as to cause no accidents. Otherwise it might have been that several of the little ones would have been hurt in the mad rush "to be in time." Each child was given a beautiful calendar enclosed in an attractive envelope advertising Hood's remedies. They were also presented an interesting war game.

Just give me a start said a man looking for Christmas presents, and he landed in Garnor & Co.'s Furniture store, 35 Prescott street and was made happy with his bargains.

Dr. R. J. Mansfield, a well known physician of this city, and a Harvard graduate, is a candidate for the position of court physician in Court Merrimack, F. of A. The election will take place next Tuesday.

Loyal Victoria Lodge, L.O.O.L.M.U., has elected the following officers: Noble grand, Mrs. Lucy Fernley; vice grand, Miss Margaret Ferguson; elective secretary, Miss Alice Duckworth; permanent secretary, Machel Emslie; treasurer, Mrs. Mary A. Pass; chaplain, Miss Ida Royer; warden, Miss Charlotte Butterfield; conductor, Miss Belle Pabre; guard, Miss Nancy Nelld; trustee, Mrs. Emma Lord; auditors, Miss Jessie Lynch and Miss Jennie Coble; physician, Dr. Charles L. Sweetsir.

Court Gen. Shields, F. of A., at their regular semi-annual election elected the following officers: Chief ranger, Martin Flaherty; sub chief ranger, Thomas Roark; treasurer, John A. O'Hearn; financial secretary, James R. Sullivan; recording secretary, Francis J. Mullen; senior woodward, Felix McPartland; junior woodward, Patrick Carty; senior beadle, James Cox; junior beadle, James E. Lang; trustee for three years John E. Mullen and physician, Dr. A. J. Halpin.

Bay State colony, Pilgrim Fathers, have elected the following officers: Governor, James Taylor; lieutenant governor, Mrs. Ella Sawyer; secretary, Carrie I. Corbett; collector, Annie Crawford; treasurer, Dennis Dilworth; chaplain, Louise Williams; sergeant at arms, O. C. Johnson; deputy sergeant at arms, John Murringham; sentinels, Mary Bascom and John Crawford; trustees, Charles Bagley, J. L. Jewett, Charles Carr; pianist, Carrie I. Corbett.

O'NEIL—John J. O'Neil, aged 37 years and six months, died at his home 22 Whipple street today. He is survived by a mother, two sisters and five brothers. The funeral will take place Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

CASTORIA.

Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*. The Kind You Have Always Bought

MULE SPINNERS

HAVE DISSOLVED THEIR UNION IN BIDDEFORD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Biddeford, Maine, Dec. 23.—The mule spinners' union of this city has been dissolved, owing to the stoppage of the mules in the Laconia Cotton mills and the substitution of spinning frames. The Pepperell mills have also stopped their mules with the exception of a few in No. 3 mill. The mule spinners have been the best paid of any cotton mill operatives, and up to within a few months they have been all powerful, as no mill has been able to run long after a strike of the spinners. The resources of all unions here were greatly taxed by the big strike at Pepperell, Laconia and York corporations early in the year and as the mule spinners realized that their best days are over, they have decided to dissolve the union.

NICARAGUA CANAL.

WILL COST $135,000 WHEN IT IS COMPLETED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

New York, Dec. 23.—The preliminary report of the Nicaragua Canal Commission consisting of General Hains, Admiral Walker and Prof. Haupt has been completed and will be read before the Senate Committee either during the Christmas recess of Congress or immediately afterwards. This report will give many details of construction in regard to the proposed route and will give a pretty close figure on the entire cost of the undertaking as far as human ingenuity can foresee. A summary of these costs has been made out in sections.

It is believed that $135,000,000 will be a conservative estimate of the entire cost of the canal, and this almost agrees with that of Major General William Ludlow's report of 1896.

READ. MARK. LEARN.

SOME PERTINENT QUESTIONS THAT CAN ALL BE ANSWERED WITH ONE REPLY.

Why is it that in Lowell and its suburbs, with a combined population of 85,000, there is only one medicinal preparation which gives statements from residents to back up its representations?

Why is it that Doan's Kidney Pills do this in Lowell as well as in every other city and town of any importance in the Union?

Why is it that there are advertised in every newspaper a dozen remedies and only one can supply local proof, local indorsement of its claims?

The solution of the problem is simple. Only one remedy has the curing and staying power. Other remedies make all kinds of gigantic, yet futile efforts to get local proof, but the attempt ends in producing a statement or two from places that, as far as the Lowell people are concerned, might as well be in the moon.

Here is Lowell proof, which backs up the merits of Doan's Kidney Pills:

Mrs. Knowles, of 45 Cross street, says: "I suffered with painful backache for over a year, dizziness, severe headaches, and a urinary weakness. I saw in my paper that Doan's Kidney Pills were curing cases like mine, and got a box at Ellingwod & Co.'s, corner Merrimack and Central streets. I had not taken many before there was quite an improvement. I got the second box and can say that my suffering ceased. I was all right in every way. I do not hesitate to give Doan's Kidney Pills the credit of curing the kidney trouble and every pain connected with it. You may use my name as an endorser of Doan's Kidney Pills and say I am willing to answer anyone suffering with trouble like mine who will apply to me."

Doan's Kidney Pills for sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Mailed by Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States. Remember the name, Doan's, and take

STARS AND STRIPES

Were Hoisted at Cardenas Yesterday.

Cubans Entered House of Marquis de Pinar del Rio and Compelled Him to Cry "Viva Cuba Libre."

Havana, Dec. 23.—Some Cubans entered the residence of the Marquis de Pinar del Rio in the Cerro suburb of Havana yesterday and compelled him to cry "Viva Cuba Libre."

The Marquis, who is one of the richest men in the island and of a noted family, complained to Captain General Castellanos and a note on the subject was sent to the American Evacuation commission. The Marquis de Pinar del Rio and other prominent Spaniards are determined to leave Cuba, their friends say, "unless the United States establishes a strong government and they are assured of ample protection."

The joint evacuation commissions held a meeting this morning.

The United States transport Florida arrived at Matanzas yesterday. The United States flag was formally hoisted at Cardenas yesterday.

SHOT HIMSELF

William A. Gillen Committed Suicide in a Hotel.

HE WAS A RAILROAD EMPLOYE.

Had No Acquaintances in Worcester.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 23.—William A. Gillen, a railroad employe, about 30 years old, committed suicide at the Hotel Brunswick early this morning by shooting himself in the head. Papers found upon him indicated that he was a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and that he had recently been employed upon the Canadian Pacific and Northern Pacific roads.

He left a memorandum requesting that $350 of his death benefit money might be paid to his intended wife, Miss M. Birch of Morris, Manitoba, and also saying that Bangor Lodge, 440 of the Brotherhood would bury him. His death benefit certificate read payable to his father, William Gillen of Nova Scotia. So far as is known he had no acquaintances in this city. He came to the hotel yesterday.

JUDGE DISSETTE.

SUSTAINS THE DEMURRER MADE TO INDICTMENT RETURNED AGAINST MAGOWAN.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Cleveland, Ohio., Dec. 23.—Judge Dissette, in criminal court today sustained the demurrer to the indictment returned against Ex-Mayor F. E. Magowan of Trenton, N. J., Mrs. Magowan and Mrs. Wyane, Mrs. Magowan's sister, upon the charge of child stealing. The court ordered all of the defendants in the case discharged, saying that it was not a crime for a mother to steal her own child in the state of Ohio.

RETURN THANKS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The following has been received here:

Havana, Dec. 22, 1898.

McKinley, Pres. of United States:

The city council in solemn session has resolved in the name of the people of Havana to return its warmest thanks to you for the contribution sent in aid of the needy poor.

(Signed) —Marquis Esteban, Pres.

BOILERS ALMOST USELESS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 23—The damage to the Furness Line Steamship Manchester Enterprise, before reported as having returned for repairs, is serious. Her boilers are almost useless and the vessel will be laid up for some weeks should the owners decide to make permanent repairs.

AMERICAN FLAG.

RAISED OVER THE MALATE SCHOOL BY FATHER McKINNON.

Manila, Dec. 23.—The first American flag was raised over the Malate school house yesterday. It was sent by the University of Pennsylvania. The honor of raising the flag was accorded to Father McKinnon of California, in recognition of his services in re-opening the schools.

The native troops encamped in the suburbs are again causing anxiety. The attitude of the insurgent detachment at the Panduchan Bridge on Wednesday was such that the California, Idaho and Washington regiments were concentrated in light marching order, at short notice at Paco, but trouble was avoided.

WORCESTER MILLS CLOSE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 23—The Adriatic Woolen mills have decided to close their plant for a few weeks. The shut down is owing to the overstocked market and the slow demand for woolen goods. The mills give employment in their various departments to several hundred girls and men. Eli D. Thayer, Jr., president of the corporation states that the mill probably will be closed until Jan. 1.

EDWARD LAWRENCE DEAD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Edward F. Lawrence, one of the most prominent capitalists of Chicago, died today after a short illness. He was born in Massachusetts in 1835.

Charles A. Robbins and Lillian A. Butler, both of Lowell, were married Tuesday at the Parker street M. E. parsonage, South Lawrence by the Rev. W. A. Marble.

EDITOR WARDNER

Sentenced to Thirty Days in Jail.

CHARGED WITH CONTEMPT OF COURT.

He is Editor of the Boston Traveller.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Dedham, Mass., Dec. 23.—Torrey E. Wardner, editor and publisher of the Boston Daily Traveller, was sentenced to serve 30 days in Dedham jail, by Judge Sherman of the Norfolk county court, this forenoon for contempt of court in allowing to be published in his paper comments and editorials on the Getchell manslaughter case, which was recently tried here, which, in the court's opinion, would have influenced the minds of the jury, had the Traveller containing the matter reached the court house before the case was submitted for final consideration.

The trial referred to was that of Engineer Getchell of the Consolidated road, charged with manslaughter in connection with a collision which occurred at Sharon, last August, in which several persons were killed.

Judge Sherman took exceptions not only to the editorial comments published in the Traveller, but also to criticisms that were made in the stories of the proceedings published in that paper.

DENNY ATTACKED REFEREE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 23.—Sammy Maxwell of San Francisco, was given the decision over Martin Denny of Australia at the end of a 20-round glove contest before the Excelsior club at Woodward's Pavilion last night. The decision was greeted with mingled hisses and cheers. Denny attacked Referee Jack Stelzner for giving an adverse decision, and for a few moments there was a scene of great excitement. The ring was finally cleared and order restored. Denny broke his right hand in the second round and was unable to use it throughout the remainder of the contest.

REVENUE STAMPS.

MUST BE CANCELLED TO PREVENT THEM BEING RE-USED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Washington, Dec. 23.—In view of the fact that fraud has been discovered in connection with the cancellation of documentary and adhesive internal revenue stamps, by which old stamps were re-used, the Internal Revenue Bureau today issued a regulation which requires all such stamps to be cancelled, with the initials of the user, together with the month, day and year written or stamped thereon. Hitherto the month and day of cancellation has not been required.

HIS CONDITION CRITICAL.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Dr. John B. Hamilton, former surgeon general of the Marine hospital service, who underwent a surgical operation several days ago, is still in a critical condition.

His physicians are, however, hopeful as present symptoms are encouraging.

YALE GRADUATE

Arrested on a Charge of Shoplifting.

MILLER CAUGHT STEALING BOOKS.

Was Held in $2000 Bonds for Grand Jury.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 23.—James P. Miller a graduate of three years' standing in the Yale University Divinity school and at present enrolled as a graduate student, is under arrest and held in $2000 bonds on a charge of shoplifting. Miller was yesterday caught in the act of taking three books from the bookstore of Herbert J. Augur and was taken into custody. Miller occupied a room at 61 West Divinity Hall and when the detectives visited there a large number of books were found. He also had a room in Hamden, Conn., and a large number of books were located there by the police. All told, it is estimated, Miller had in his possession at the time of his arrest, about 5000 books. A number of the books have been identified by the local book sellers. At the time of his arrest the young man wore a coat with several large pockets suitable for carrying books and another coat of a similar character was found in his room. It is believed by the police that the thefts which are alleged against the student, have been going on for the past three years. The young man stoutly denies the charges brought against him.

POSTOFFICE.

OF WALPOLE BURGLARIZED LAST NIGHT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Walpole, Mass., Dec. 23.—When the postmaster opened his office this morning he found that it had been entered by burglars during the night. A large number of letters and packages had been opened and scattered over the floor. It is thought that a quantity of valuables was taken, although the postmaster is unable to tell what is missing.

IS 100 YEARS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

San Francisco., Cal., Dec. 23.—Herman Grunberg died today at the Pacific Hebrew home, aged 102 years. Nineteen years ago, he bought a coffin and had a shroud made and selected his pall bearers. He will be buried in the casket he kept for so long, but he survived all but three of the men chosen to bear his remains to the grave.

G. O. Taylor Whiskies, are pure medicinal stimulants.

CUT HIS THROAT.

LOWELL MAN ATTEMPTED SUICIDE AT HYDE PARK.

The following despatch was received at the Police station this afternoon from the police of Hyde Park:

"George Whitehale alias McKay, supposed to reside in Colburn street, Merrimack corporation, Lowell, attempted suicide this morning by cutting his throat. He was taken to the Massachusetts General hospital.

WHAT IS POND'S EXTRACT?

A Family Remedy which, for over 50 years, has stood the test of time.

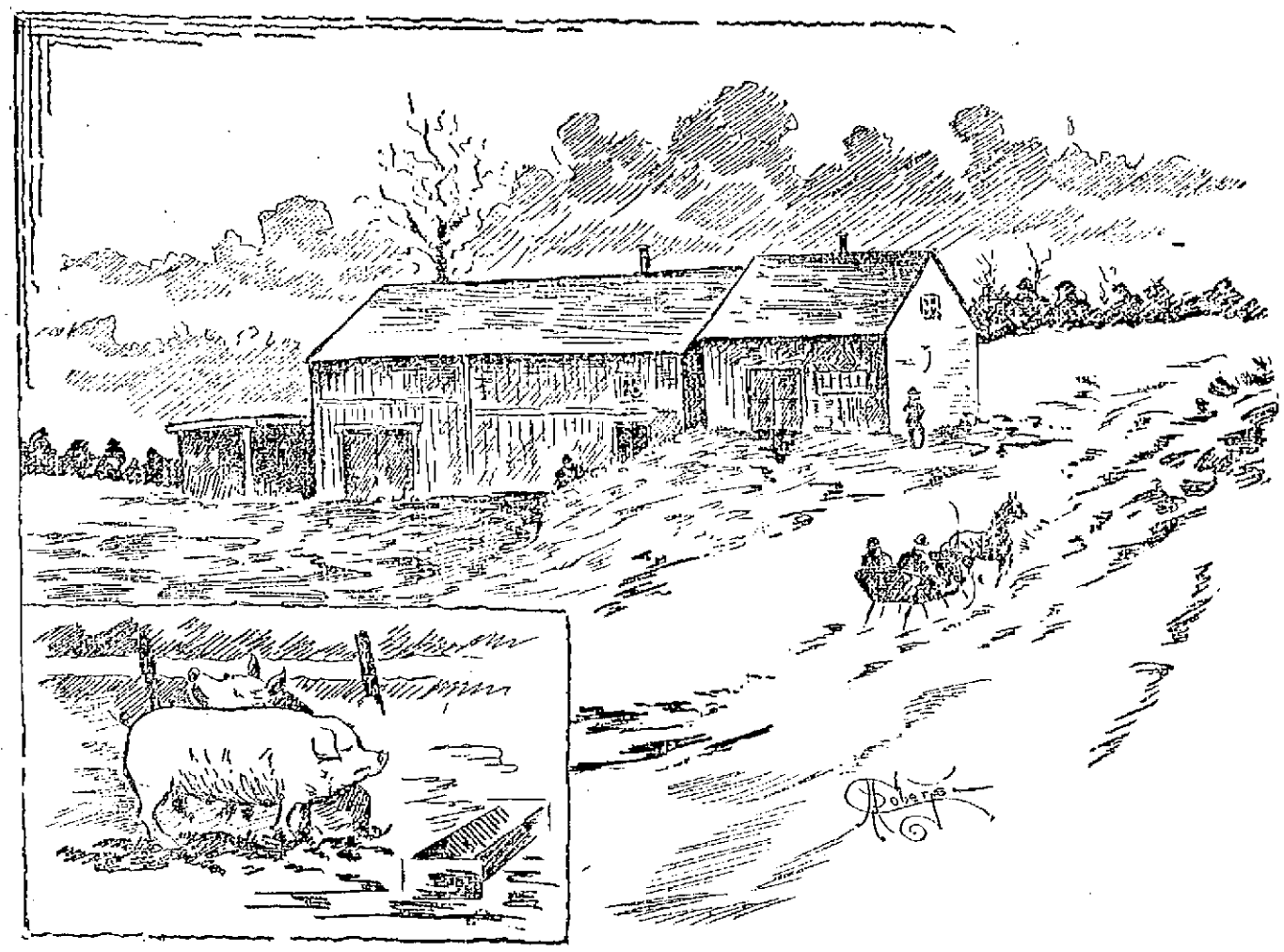
INVALUABLE FOR ALL ACHES, PAINS, INFLAMMATIONS, CATARRHAL TROUBLE AND PILES.

GET THE GENUINE. AVOID IMITATIONS.

POND'S EXTRACT CO., New York and London.

A grocer in Bluffton, Ohio, suffered from heart trouble, caused by inflammatory rheumatism. One day he was reading a Prohibition paper called *New Era*, published at Springfield, in the same State, and saw the advertisement of Ripans Tabules. The advertisement led him to think that the Tabules might do him some good, so he went to the drug store to buy a box, but they were not kept in stock. A traveling salesman happened to come along the same day, and the grocer incidentally brought up the subject of Ripans Tabules. The drummer had a bottle of them in his vest pocket, and he gave several Tabules to the grocer. The medicine helped the latter right away, and as he could not at that time buy them in the drug store, he wrote for a supply to the Ripans Chemical Co., New York, saying: "The Tabules greatly relieve my heart trouble." The demand for Ripans Tabules is increasing so fast that to-day there are few druggists who do not keep them.

A new style packet containing TEN RIPANS TABULES in a paper carton (without glass) is now for sale at some drug stores—FOR FIVE CENTS. This low-priced sort is intended for the poor and the economical. One dozen of the five-cent cartons (120 tabules) can be had by mail by sending forty-eight cents to the RIPANS CHEMICAL COMPANY, No. 10 Spruce Street, New York—or a single carton (TEN TABULES) will be sent for five cents.



Sketch of a Large Piggery in the Highlands, in Which Certain Board of Health Employes are Said to be Interested and Which is Likely to be the Subject Of Another Investigation.

CHRISTMAS BELLS

Grand Musical Program in the Churches.

CELEBRATING GREATEST CHRISTIAN FEAST.

Augmented Choirs and Inspiring Hymns.

In the Catholic and Episcopal churches the Christmas festival will be observed tomorrow as in some others, although the following day is a legal holiday on which in a secular aspect the feast will be duly celebrated.

As usual some excellent musical programs will be presented, among them being the following:

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

Solemn High Mass 10.30 a.m.

Asperges .....Haggerty
Introit .....Gregorian
Graduale .....Gregorian
Mass in A .....Cherubini
Offertory (Noel).....Van Reyschoot
Postlude (Date Sonitum) .....Costa

Solemn Vespers 6.30 p. m.

Domine Ad.....Emmerich
Exit Dominus.....Emmerich
Confitetor .....Emmerich
Beatus Vir .....Emmerich
De Profundis.....Stephenson
Memento Domini David.....Stephenson
"Jesu Redemptor" .....Haggerty
Magnificat.....Lambillotte
Alma .....Handel
O Salutaris .....Gounod
Tantum Ergo.....Rossini

The service will conclude with the singing of the Christmas hymn, "Birth of the Child King." The words are by P. J. Lynch, formerly of this city, and the music is by John E. Daniels of Boston.

The choir will number 60 voices and will be directed by Prof. Haggerty, and assisted by the American orchestra. The soloists will be Misses McCaffrey, Gorman, Mr. James Murphy and Mr. David P. Martin.

ST. PETER'S.

Mass at 10.30 a. m.

Organ Prelude .....Creighton
Kyrie .....Weber
Gloria .....Weber
Veni Creator .....Millard
Offertory, "Adeste Fideles"...Novello
Credo .....Weber
Sanctus .....Weber
Agnus Dei.....La Hache
Postlude Organ.

Chorus of thirty voices. Soloists—Soprano, Mrs. George Wilkins; altos, Miss Nano Gallagher, Mrs. Cunningham; tenors, Mr. C. Cainin, Mr. A. Healy; bass, Mr. Ed. Martin; baritone, Mr. James Donnelly; organist, Mrs. John McKenned . .'

Vespers at 7 p. m.

Domine .....Millard..
Dixit Dominus .....Millard
Confitebor.....Est
Beatus Vir .....Est
Laudate Pueri .....Zingarelli
Laudate Dominum .....Est
Glory to God.....Rotili
Alma .....Pleyel
O Salutaris.....Mercier
Tantum Ergo.....Lambillotte
Christmas Hymn .....Daniels

ST. PATRICK'S.

Solemn High Mass at 10.30.

Prelude, Organ and Orchestra.
Asperges .....Werner
Hayden's Imperial Mass.
Veni Creator.
Splendente te Deus, Offertorium.....Mozart
"Birth of the Child King"
Words by P. J. Lynch; music by J. E. Daniels.
Postlude, Organ and Orchestra.

Vesper Service at 7 p.m.

Prelude, Organ and Orchestra.
Domini Ad.....Millard
Dixit Dominus .....Millard
Confitebor .....Bristow
Beatus Vir .....Bristow
De Profundis
Memento Domini David.....Schmidt
Hymn, "Jesu Redemptor".....Mozart
Magnificat .....Emmerich
Alma Redemptor.....Mozart
O Salutaris .....Pecher
Tantum Ergo .....Berge
Laudate Dominum Omnes Gentes.....Newland
Te Deum, grand chorus by choir and congregation.

The choir will be assisted at both services by Hibbard's orchestra.

M. J. Johnson, organist; E. F. Faulkner, director.

ST. MICHAEL'S

Solemn High Mass 10.30 a. m.

Asperges .....Mozart
Mass .....Mozart's No. 12
Offertory, Oratorio Pour Noel...Lambillotte.
Lauda Sion .....Lambillotte

Evening Services.

Solemn Vespers 7 p. m.

Vespers .....Millard
Hymn, Adesie Fideles .....Mozart
Magnificat .....Lambillotte
Anthem, Alma .....Mozart
O Salutaris .....Edwards
Tantum Ergo .....Rossini
Landa Sion .....Lambillotte

A chorus of 50 voices. Soloists, soprano, Mrs. Mary Kelley, Miss Mary Fox, Miss Bessie O'Neil, Miss Hampson; altos, Miss Margaret Walsh, Miss Kittie Conway; tenor, Mr. John Warburton; bass, David M. McHugh; organist, Miss Theresa Corbett; director, John Warburton.

SACRED HEART.

Solemn High Mass 10.30 a. m.

Asperges .....Weber
Kyrie .....Lambillotte
Gloria .....Rosewig
Veni Creator .....Von La Hache
Credo .....Rosewig
Offertory, "Adeste Fideles."
Sanctus .....Rosewig
Benedictus .....Rosewig
Agnus Dei .....Rosewig

Vespers at 3 p. m.

Domine Ad .....Gregorian
Psalms .....Gregorian
Hymn, "Jesu Redemptor".....Mozart
Magnificat .....Lambillotte
"O Holy Night".....Adolphe Adam
"O Salutaris".....De Doss
"Tantum Ergo".....Rossini
"Laudate Dominum".....Est

Solos by members of the choir, assisted by a chorus of 40 voices. Miss Adelaide A. Sullivan, organist and director.

ST. JOSEPH'S.

Entree, "Airs de Noel"
Ed. Vincellette.
Introit, Plain Chant.
Messe Pro Pace .....Von La Hache

Soloistes—Mlles Elodie Gagnon Pratte, Ida Tarte, Yvonne et Antoinette Montmarquette et Mongrain.

Soloistes—Ferdinand Desrosiers, Dr. A. J. Gagnon, Telesphore Malo.

Offertoire, "Ave Maria"....Mascagni
Violin Obligato, Thomas Sullivan.
Sortie
Ed. Vincellette.

Vespers.

Plain Chant.
Magnificat .....Lambillotte
Solo.
Dr. J. A. Gagnon.
O Salutaris .....B. Hemma
Duo,
Mlle Elodie Gagnon, M. Victor Lesage.
Adeste Fideles .....Novello
Choir.
Tantum Ergo .....Lambillotte
Ed. Vincelette organist; H. A. Ra-
Ed. Vincellette, organist; H. A. Ra-

FIRST BAPTIST.

Morning.

Organ Prelude .....Christmas Pasorale
Mr. A. F. French.
Anthem, "Unto us a Child is Born
Ladies' Chorus, "Glory be to the Lamb"
Duet, "When Christ Was Born"
Mr. O. N. Walch, Mr. Warren T. Reid
Male Chorus, "That Song of Old"

Evening.

Organ Prelude, Pastorale.
Anthem, "A Savior Which is Christ the Lord."
Quartet, "The Chimes of Christmas Morn."
Mrs. W. H. Pepin, Miss Lena M. Reid Mr. O. N. Walch, Mr. W. T. Reid, with violin obligato by Mr. Joseph P. O'Dwyer.
Soprano Solo, "The Christmas Herald"
Mrs. Pepin, with violin obligato by Mr. O'Dwyer.
Male Quartet, "Glory to God in the Highest,"
Mr. O. N. Walch, Herbert R. Baker Warren G. Reid, Arthur L. Symnes.
J. Avison Baker, musical director.

ST. PAUL'S M. E. CHURCH.

Morning service at 10.30; evening at 6.30. Rev. L. W. Staples will preach in the morning; subject, "Opening the Spice Box." Evening subject, "Childhood of Christ;" illustrated.

Morning Music.

"Come Ye Faithful".....Schnecker
"Hark the Christmas Bells"...Manney
"Glory to God in the Highest"Hanscom
"Sanctus" .....Gounod

Evening Music.

"Sing O Heavens".....Tours
"Prince of Peace".....Hanscom
"Angels from the Realm of Glory"
Bullard.

The choir will be sopranos, Mrs. Chas. Jenkins, Miss Rae Storell; altos, Mrs. F. L. Roberts, Miss Maud Marshall; tenors, Arthur Warren, George B. Adams; basses, Frank B. Murphy, Burton H. Preston; Charles V. Barker, organist; Frank B. Murphy, director.

HOUSE OF PRAYER.

Walker street, near Grove, Rev. Warner E. L. Ward, pastor. Plain celebration at 6.35 a. m. Choral Eucharist 10.45 a. m.

Organ Prelude, "Chorus of Angels".....Clark
Processional Hymn.....56
Introit, Hymn.....43
Kyrie .....Cruickshank
Graduale, "Away in a Manger."
Gloria Tibi, Gratias Tibi...Cruickshank
Credo .....Cruickshank
Hymn 60
Offertorium, solo, "Glory to God" Rotoli
Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus .....Cruickshank
Gloria in Excelsis.....Cruickshank
Nunc Dimittis.....Simper
Retrocessional Hymn .....Batiste
Organ Prelude.

Children's Vespers 4 p. m.

Processional Hymn.....56
Psalm 111
Vesper Hymn, "Away in a Manger"
Magnificat .....Simper
Hymn 58
Offertorium Hymn.....55
Retrocessional Hymn.....51

Evensong 7 p. m.

Organ Prelude.....Batiste
Processional Hymn, Proper Psalms, Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, Solo "Holy Night;" Hymn, Offertorium, solo; Retrocessional Hymn; Organ Postlude.

The choir will be supplemented by female voices and the solos will be rendered by Miss Caroline Richardson Mrs. Ward and Masters Herbert Hunt and Rupert Ripley. Mr. Albert Asquith, organist of the church, will preside at the organ.

CHARLES E ADAMS

Sketch of His Interesting Career

IN THE LADIES' HOME JOURNAL.

One of Lowell's Most Progressive Citizens.

The last number of the Boston Home Journal published an excellent half tone portrait of our distinguished townsman, Hon. Charles E. Adams, president of the state board of trade, together with a biographical sketch.

Although he is a native of Lowell, as well as a present resident of that city, Charles E. Adams has many family affiliations with the nearer vicinity of Boston. He is a descendant in the seventh generation of Roger Adams of Brookline, who came to New England in 1645 or thereabouts, and married Mary, daughter of Thomas Barker in 1674, dying in 1714. C. E. Adam's great-grandfather, Smith Adams of Newton, was in the battles of Lexington and Concord. Mr. Adams was born April 16, 1841, in Lowell, son of Elisha and Sally Howe (Pequty) Adams. He was educated in the Lowell public schools and began business life as a clerk in a retail hardware store in Lowell, afterward becoming salesman for a wholesale house in the same line in New York.

He remained six years in New York, and then spent a year in Cincinatti. In August, 1865, he returned to Lowell and opened a hardware and mill supplies store at 155 Middlesex street. He is still located on the same street, and is in the same line of business but his establishment has vastly increased in size and importance from its humble beginning, now occupying the stores numbered 404, 408 and 410 Middlesex street.

Of late years Mr. Adams has secured the attention of business men throughout the state by his interest in the concerted work of business men. He suggested the idea of its formation and was one of the founders of the state board of trade composed of thirty-eight boards of trade and business associations, representing the mercantile and industrial interests of the commonwealth, and on its organization, October 30, 1896, was made its president, which position he still holds. He is also prominent in other trade organizations, being an active member of the New England Hardware Dealers' association, of the New England Paint and Oil club.

He has been president of the Bradley-Stone Electric Storage company, and director of many telegraph and telephone companies, as well as of the Lowell, Lawrence & Haverhill Electric Street Railway company. In 1889 and 1890 he served as president of the Lowell Board of Trade, and has represented Lowell in the legislature, as well as serving as United States alternate commissioner from Massachusetts at the Columbian exposition. Lately he has been appointed by the governor a commissioners to the Paris exposition.

Mr. Adams, as will be seen, is eminently a man of affairs. His business interests are important and varied, but at the same time his social side is amply cultivated. He is a thirty-second degree Mason ,a member of the Order of Odd Fellows and of the Royal Arcanum. He belongs to the Highland, Country and Vesper clubs of Lowell and to the Massachusetts Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, being a member of the board of managers. He also has membership in the Massachusetts club of this city.

On Dec. 10, 1873, Mr. Adams, of whom an excellent portrait appears on the first page of that issue of the Home Journal, was married to Miss Ida Mary Bartlett of Antrim, N. H.

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BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

PROVED THE CITY ELECTION IN SPECIAL MEETING TODAY.

A special meeting of the board of aldermen was held at City Hall this morning for the purpose of proving the recent election. There were present Mayor Bennett and Aldermen Pierce, Rivet, Libby, Derby and Coward. The meeting came to order at 11 o'clock. While waiting for the beginning of the meeting Alderman Pelree suggested that the four horses of the lands and buildings committee now being boarded at McNulty's and Conant's stables, be taken to the city stable where there are plenty of vacant stalls. The mayor appointed Alderman Pelree a committee of one to look up the matter.

City Clerk Dadman then read the report of the registrars of voters on the recent recount and the report was placed on file.

An order introduced by Alderman Pelree to recognize the results of the recount was adopted and the meeting adjourned.

The committee on salaries will meet at 4.30 this afternoon.

Rev. Mr. Porter and family are occupying the summer residence of Mr. Thomas Elliott of this city at Littleton.

Pain-Killer.
(PERRY DAVIS'.)
A Sure and Safe Remedy in every case and every kind of Bowel Complaint is
Pain-Killer.
This is a true statement and it can't be made too strong or too emphatic.
It is a simple, safe and quick cure for
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TWO SIZES, 25c. and 50c.

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Clements, Marshall and Sunshine, in their comedy and versatile sketch, "MY FRIEND FROM INDIANA," including Coon Songs, Dances, etc.
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After a most successful engagement, will perform on some of the most difficult and musical instruments. We have nothing but the best. Matinee daily at 2.30.
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HALE'S HONEY OF HOREHOUND AND TAR
It's so simple to get rid of a cough or throat trouble by Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tar. Acts like magic. Sold by druggists.
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By the cures it shall be known. Medicine is no good unless it cures. It's all good if it cures. For cold in the head, rose cold and nasal affections get
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Why? They sell for Cash Only.
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COOPER'S COSY CLOAK STORE,
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(Opposite Car Waiting Room.)
Will be open every evening until Christmas.

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FOR Christmas
Presents we ask you to call at our store, look over our large line of Fancy Rockers, Reception Chairs, Fancy Chairs, Pictures and Easles, Couches, Lounges, Foot Rests, Fancy Rugs, Fur Rugs, Hall Trees, Hat Racks, Fancy Tables, in all styles. Dining Room Furniture, Parlor Furniture and last but not least, an elegant Range to cook your goose or turkey in, or a nice Parlor Stove to keep your toes warm while smoking your after dinner cigar,
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We have an enormous stock of more than
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Double Runners, Children's Sleighs, Express Wagons, Velocipedes, Tricycles,
In endless variety, at very low prices.

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The largest, most complete stock and greatest variety of Toys ever offered in Lowell, including Trains, Locomotives, Magic Lanterns, Warships, Soldiers, Electric Cars, Rocking Horses, Typewriters, Engines, Rubber Stamps, Printing Presses, and Stamps, Desks, Black Boards, Tool Chests, Building Blocks, Stoves.

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All the new War Games, as well as the old time favorites, The Battle of Manila, The Siege of Havana, Pinetto, Ten Pins, etc. etc.
DOLLS. DOLLS.
The usual great variety in Dressed, Jointed, Kid, Rag, Worsted, Negro, etc.
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More than 50 different styles. Furniture, Dishes, Beds, Jewelry. Everything in Doll Requisites.

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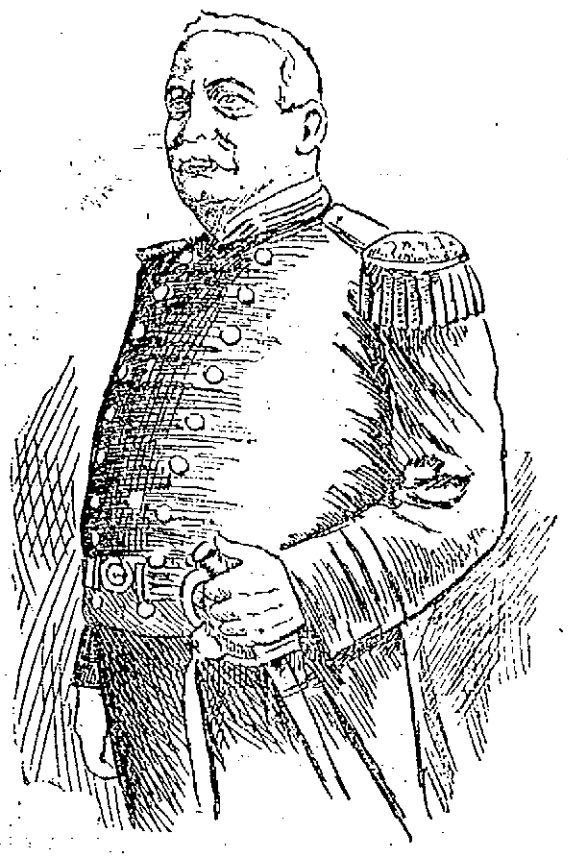

COM. ALBERT KANTZ, U.S.N., Who Will be Promoted to an Admiral.

DEMAND SURELY COMING

FALL RIVER OPERATIVES WILL ASK TO HAVE WAGES RESTORED.

The Fall River correspondent of the Providence Journal says: Just what form the movement of the operatives will take under the changed conditions which have made a margin between the price of the finished product and the cost of labor and the raw material, from which profits are likely to be extracted, is not known but it is useless to shut the eyes to the fact that the help will make a demand for a restoration of the schedule at the first opportunity.

As has been reported, the leaders of the unions have already discussed the subject, and while there has been nothing said that would indicate that there will be undue haste in the attempt to convince manufacturers that they ought to look at the situation from the standpoint of the employes, it is no secret that the improvement in the market has not escaped their attention and that they are restless. Whatever may be the case in smaller communities, in which the toilers are not organized, in the larger manufacturing centers this wage question is perpetually before the public and experience has taught investors that they must take it into account when they bid on stocks.

The argument on the side of capital just now is that there is no guarantee that there will not be a reaction, and that prices will not drop; that many companies have had a struggle for several years to make both ends meet, and that all of the corporations should have an opportunity to get on to their feet before an agitation calculated to increase expenses is commenced.

On the other side, it is urged that the depression has deprived many people of the luxuries of life, to say nothing of what were once regarded as the necessaries, that the majority are naturally more deeply interested in their incomes than in dividends and that it is well to petition for higher pay at an early date, because there is sure to be a controversy which will result in delay.

Still, as intimated, the spinners and weavers are inclined to be conservative, and it would not be surprising if they held back until Spring. They know that the situation has not been misrepresented, and that there has been no money in the business for anybody, and they at least suspect that agents and directors are in no mood to listen to an appeal calculated to add to the running expenses at the end of the first month of good trade.

This matter will be taken up at the next general meeting of the Weavers' Progressive association, and has already been discussed by the executive committee of the Spinners' union.

WHAT BOOKS

ARE BEST ADAPTED FOR XMAS PRESENTS.

Mr. Editor:

Can you give me a few hints on the right kind of a book to buy for a Christmas present, as in looking over the endless number, I see as good looking books for 49 cents as you can get elsewhere for a dollar. Please state the difference and why there is such a wide range in the price of books and oblige,

—A Sun Reader.

Some of the best books are cheap because they are free from copyright and sold everywhere; but nobody, it seems would appreciate a present of such a book, however good, as there are few who have not read them and anybody who wants one of them, can get them so cheaply. When selecting a book, you must consider the intelligence and the taste of the person who is to receive it. For a person who can appreciate good literature and something that is first-class, while having the advantage of being the latest thing out, you will make no mistake by selecting any of the following works: The Battle of the Strong by Gilbert Parker; The Day's Work by Kipling; Historic Towns of New England by Powell; A Year From a Reporter's Note Book by Richard Harding Davis; Recollections of the Civil War by the late Charles A. Dana; Cannon and Camera by J. C. Hemment. This book gives photographic views of every battle in the late war; The Castle Inn by Stanley J. Weyman; A Desert Drama or tragedy of the Korosko by A. Conan Doyle; Great Books by Farrar; The True Ben Franklin by Fisher; China and Transformation by A. R. Colquhoun. This is a most instructive book on civil and political life and like Harding Davis's book is a most fascinating work. The latter gives an account of the Czar and the most thrilling scenes of the Cuban war. Other books, any of which would make a most acceptable present are Illustrated Rome, Venice, Florence and Paris, all pictorial work of rare excellence.

For a youth or a parent who is anxious to do the best possible for his boys, there are two new books which are unexcelled. One is What Shall Our Boys Do for a Living?" by Rev. Mr. Winship a distinguished educator of Boston and the other just published is The Secret of Achievement by Orison Swett Marden, one of the best writers on such subjects that is known to the English language. He far exceds Dr. Smiles or any of those who have essayed to write for the guidance of youth in the attainment of success. All these books are for sale at Lawler's, Corner of Merrimack and John streets and all have the advantage of novelty as well as of being by standard authors whose names are a guarantee of excellence.

POISONED BY SAUSAGES.

A NEW BEDFORD MAN FOUND IN HALF COMATOSE STATE.

Eating sausages endangered the life of William King, who resides on Heath street, New Bedford, Wednesday, and he has not yet recovered from the ill effects of his experience of Wednesday. Mr. King, who is employed by the New Bedford Copper company, ate the sausages for his dinner yesterday. In the afternoon he was taken suddenly ill, and his condition became so serious that he had to be taken home in a carriage. Dr. George Barnes attended the man and found him to be in a half comatose state. His hands and arms were abnormally swollen and he was suffering from violent pains in the stomach and head. Dr. Barnes pronounced it a case of poisoning caused by diseased pork which had been put into the sausages.

COMPANY TO DISBAND.

The members of fire engine company No. 1, of Georgetown have voted to disband. Since the burning of the town hall, the company has been severely criticised for the work done that evening. The men claim they did as well as they could and have resigned to make way for others, thus leaving the town without an engine company.

Miss Jane E. Warfield entertained the members of her Sunday school class at her home on Pawtucket street Thursday evening.

Mrs. Edward P. Remick of Barnston, P. Q., has arrived here to spend Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Pierce of Chelmsford street.

James F. Cahill, an employe of the Arlington hotel, has resigned his position and will leave for Chicago where he has secured a position.

TWO NEW CLUES

May Lead to Identification of Burglar.

WHO WAS KILLED IN QUINCY.

Police Officials Investigating the Matter.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Quincy, Mass., Dec. 23.—Two clues which may lead to the identification of the man who was found dead in the home of John Shaw in this city, yesterday morning, with the bullet wound in his breast, were brought to light about noon to-day. Noah Smith, a salesman in a Boston clothing store viewed the body and at once identified it as of a man to whom he had sold a suit of clothes on December 13.

Another man, a prominent citizen of Waltham, say the police, after having gained from the authorities a promise that his name would not be made public, said he was positive the dead man was a former employe of his, but that he had not worked for him for about seven years. He gave the officers who are at work on the case such information as he could, and this afternoon Chief Litchfield and Inspector Ferguson started out to further investigate the case. They are confident that the identification of the man will be soon determined.

STEAMER FLOATED.

IT IS THOUGHT SHE IS NOT SERIOUSLY DAMAGED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Boston, Dec. 23.—Steamer John J. Hill Captain McLean from New York for Hillsboro, N. B., in ballast, which sought shelter in Nantasket road during the storm of November 27 th, and was driven ashore on the beach at Wollaston, was floated this morning by tugs and towed to Simpson's dry dock, East Boston, for examination. A channel was dredged to the steamer, as she was so far from the water, it was impossible to float her in another way. It is thought the vessel is not seriously damaged.

SCHOONER WENT ASHORE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Boston, Dec. 23.—The fishing schooner Minnehaha, bound inward from a fishing trip, went ashore off Hull this afternoon. The vessel is full of water. The crew launched their dories and rowed to this city.

FOUND NOT GUILTY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 23.—The jury has returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of W. F. Bechel, ex-Auditor of the Pacific Express company, charged with embezzlement.

AMERICAN TROOPS.

WILL BE SENT TO CUBA IN SUFFICIENT NUMBERS

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Washington, Dec. 23.—There is every evidence in the war department that strenuous efforts are making to put enough American troops in Cuba to meet any call upon them through the speedy evacuation of the Spanish garrisons. All the transports available at Atlantic ports are being perpared under rush orders for sailing south.

DEPARTMENTS WILL CLOSE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Washington, Dec. 23.—An agreement was reached at the meeting of the cabinet today for the closing of all the executive departments at noon on the Saturdays before Christmas and New Year's Day. They are closed by law on the days observed as Christmas and New Year's day, so that when they are closed at noon tomorrow the ywill not be reopened for business until Tuesday morning next.

Dr. George B. Shattuck of the John Hopkins University and Mrs. Shattuck are spending the holidays in Lowell. Dr. Shattuck is the son of H. B. Shattuck and is a graduate of the Lowell High school.

Mr. T. W. Greenslitt, for several years connected with the advertising department of C. I. Hood & Co., has accepted the position of manager of the advertising department of the Erie Telegraph and Telephone company.

INDIGESTION, Constipation, Biliousness, Dyspepsia, Dizziness, and many other troubles of the Stomach, Liver and Bowels need not be endured. There is now on the market in convenient form a true and tried prescription for the speedy relief and permanent cure of these ills. The remedy has long been used with perfect success in all the best hospitals of the world, and is rapidly coming into general use by the people.

BELLEVUE HOSPITAL REMEDY.

SEMIT TABLETS

Are prepared in convenient form to carry in the pocket. One taken after meals insures perfect digestion and freedom from all troubles of the Stomach, Liver, and Bowels. These tablets do not purge, and are safe to use by the most delicate woman or child. Keep them with you always. They cure to stay cured. Sold by all druggists, 10c., 25c., 50c. Mailed postpaid on receipt of price by the Semit Chemical Co., Brockton, Mass.

DESPERATE FIGHT

Burglars Followed by Posse of Men.

One of Them Cornered and Captured After a Great Struggle, by a Man Whom He Had Shot—The Other Still at Large.

Utica, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Mrs. Margaret Brown, a widow reported to be wealthy resides near Cassville, 16 miles from this city, on a farm. This morning about 2 o'clock she discovered two men going toward her barn. She called her son and the hired man, John Mooney. Young Brown and Mooney went out, one carrying a shot gun, and the other a revolver. They shouted to the strangers asking what was wanted. At that one of them turned and fired a revolver towards the boys. Mooney was struck by a bullet in the abdomen and fell to the ground. Brown fired at the strangers and they ran to the road, jumped into a cutter and drove toward Utica. They were followed later by James Beard, a bridge builder. One of the men drew a revolver and fired but he did not hit Beard. Others joined in the chase and the men took to the flats. There they separated and the pursuers organized into two parties. Beard led a party after one who went towards the hills north of the city. This man fired repeatedly and one of the bullets struck Beard in the left arm. When cornered the burglar jumped into the Mohawk river and swam across through the floating ice. His pursuers went around by a bridge and finally Beard, wounded and bloody, came upon the man who had shot him. Then took place an encounter in a patch of woods two or three miles from where the chase began. Beard was wounded again by a shot at short range, but he held his prisoner and when the others came up the fellow was tied to a sleigh and brought across the river to Yorkville.

The second burglar ran farther westward and a posse of men are chasing him across the hills.

THE INSURGENTS

Have Several Engagements With the Spaniards.

MANY OF THE LATTER KILLED.

Aguinaldo Will Release Spanish Prisoners.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Madrid, Dec. 23.—According to a dispatch received here from Iloilo, Island of Panay, several engagements have taken place between the Spaniards and the insurgents and many of the latter have been killed or wounded.

It is asserted that Aguinaldo has enabled to the government saying that he will shortly release the Spanish prisoners in the hands of the insurgents. This statement, however, has not been confirmed.

There is much comment upon the conference that has just taken place between Marshals Martinez de Campos, Primo de Rivera, Blanco and Dominguez.

The Minister of the Colonies, Senor Giron, announces that the payment of the coupons of the Cuban mortgage bonds has been assured.

VERDICT FOR PLAINTIFF.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Concord, N. H., Dec. 23.—In the case of Chamberlin vs. Stevens, a suit for $10,000 damage, on account of injuries received in defendant's mill at Franklin, the United States court jury this morning brought in a verdict for $1500 damages.

WAR AGAINST SCHOONERS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 23.—The Dominion customs authorities have begun a war of extermination on the fleet of sloops and schooners, the majority of which are American vessels hailing from Puget Sound, which have made considerable money and defrauded the customs of considerable money by the sale of their contraband goods to the Indians and other settlers along the British Columbia northern coast line.

THE MOORE TRIAL

Mrs. Moore Denies Having Made a Confession.

AN ENTRY FROM HER DIARY

Gave Evidence of Relations With Ellis.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

New York, Dec. 23.—The trial of the blackmailing Payne Strahan Moore was continued to-day. Recorder Goff announced that sentence would not be passed on William A. Moore, during the present proceedings.

Mrs. Moore was recalled. She denied having confessed to Mrs. Johnson in the Tombs. Mrs. Moore said that Mrs. Johnson told her she (Mrs. Johnson) had been sent by Martin Mahon who said that he did not believe her guilty of complicity in the robbery.

Mr. McIntyre then began his cross-examination. Mrs. Moore said she came to New York in June in 1896.

Mrs. Moore refused to give the name of the gentleman with whom she traveled to Europe. Mrs. Moore proceeded to deny various allegations of immorality implied by the questions of the cross-examination. An entry from Mrs. Moore's diary gave evidence of her intimacy with Ellis, the colored man, who has been frequently referred to during the trial.

OFFICE TO LET—In The Sun building. Inquire at Sun office.

G. O. Taylor Whiskies, benefit the debilitated.

GEN. MILES TALKS

On the Bad Beef Supply in Cuba.

CHEMICALS USED IN FOOD CAUSED SICKNESS.

Army Tents Were Scarce and Poor.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 23.—General Miles has returned to Washington after being the guest of honor here last night at the New England banquet. The Commercial-Tribune has the following interview with him:

"My suspicions were aroused several months ago and I at once instituted an investigation into the matter of sending beef to the army in the West Indies. The reference in my testimony of Wednesday, relating to 347 tons of refrigerator beef and 198,000 pounds of canned fresh beef, which was unfit for food, is only an item.

"This quantity was sent to one town in Porto Rico alone. How much more was sent to Porto Rico I do not know."

"How was the beef supply for the army in Cuba?"

"It was just as bad. The conditions there were no better than they were in Porto Rico, as I indicated in my testimony."

"How about rations before the army embarked? Was the supply no better before the transports sailed than after the army was established in Cuba?"

"It was the same at Tampa and the same at Jacksonville."

"Will you give a little more light as to what you meant by this assertion in your testimony before the war commission Wednesday?"

General Miles had suggested that the food was sent to this large army under "Pretense of an experiment."

"I think," continued General Miles, that the sentence is sufficiently plain. 'Pretense' is the precise term to use. It is absurd to pretend that these enormous quantities of beef were sent to an entire army simply as an experiment. To expect that the beef can be exposed to tropical sun for sixty hours without mortifying, is out of the question."

"How about the chemicals used in preparing this beef?"

"As I stated in my testimony, I believe that the action of these chemicals was largely responsible for the sickness in the army. I have medical authority for this statement and I believe it to be true."

"How far along has your own investigation into this subject progressed?"

"It began several months ago. I have the testimony of a large number of officers and men upon this matter, some of which I gave in my testimony before the commission. My inquiry is still in progress and some of the most important information I have received has been acquired in the last few days."

"What channel will this investigation take upon its conclusion?"

"I will not discuss that. It is my duty to investigate any wrong existing in the army and that I am now doing in the regular military manner. The work is not completed yet, and until it is done, I will have nothing more to add to the statement made before the commission."

"What was the matter with the tents?"

"There were not enough of them. They were not suited to stand the weather and some of them were poor."

GREAT BRITAIN.

IS WILLING THAT UNITED STATES BUILD NICARAGUA CANAL.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

London, Dec. 23.—There seems to be little doubt that Great Britain will agree to abrogate the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. The temper of the cabinet and public opinion, which largely influences the government's policy, points to such action, though no definite understanding with the United States has yet been made. Great Britain desires that the Nicaraguan canal be constructed and is willing that the United States should control it if the United States guarantees its neutrality and safeguards British interests.

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WAR COMMISSION

Heard Testimony of Gen. Howard Today.

CAMPS WERE IN GOOD CONDITION.

Confusion in the Railway Arrangement.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The war investigation commission today was reduced to two members, Chief of Engineers Gen. John M. Wilson and Col. Denby.

Gen. Wilson has practically transferred his war department office to the commission's quarters and today Col. Denby officiated as interrogator with Gen. O. O. Howard (retired), in the witness chair.

Gen. Howard told how disappointed he had been in not securing assignment for active service during the war and how he had done the next best thing for his country by accepting the office of visiting delegate for the army and navy Christian committee and distributing tracts and other things through the southern camps. He said these camps as a rule were in good condition but he noticed confusion in the railway arrangements at Tampa, an inundation of beer in one colored camp there and a plague of flies on his second visit to Mobile. He went at some length into the question of odors at Camp Thomas during July where he said they were varied and repulsive.

Regarding Gen. Lee's command at Jacksonville, Gen. Howard said he had not believed it possible before for a camp to be kept in such a fine condition.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

IS GOING TO BE THOROUGHLY ORGANIZED IN WASHINGTON.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 23—A definite step toward organizing the democratic voters of this state for the next presidential campaign has been taken up by Chairman Jones of the democratic state central committee. In a circular letter by Chairman Jones and Secretary Maloney of the democratic state central committee. In a circular letter they state that subscriptions have been opened in every precinct for the purpose of securing the subscriptions of voters who will pay no less than 25 cents a month during the next two years for the purpose of conducting a campaign on Jeffersonian and Jacksonian lines. When sufficient funds are pledged, headquarters will be opened.

LEGAL CONTEST.

OVER THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN FOR A CHILD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Portland, Me., Dec. 23.—Judge Peabody of the probate court today heard and reserved his decision in a very interesting case. The evidence brought out the following particulars:

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ellis of Lowell, Mass., while temporarily at Bridgeton, adopted a girl baby named Gertrude J. Sharpe. Trouble arose between the couple, and the baby was sent to the house of Mrs. Ida M. Warren of Bridgton, where she remained. The child had taken or been given the name of Gertrude Evelyn Ellis for her adopted parents.

Last June Mr. Ellis, then a resident of Lowell, became insane, and while in that condition killed his wife and committed suicide, thus terminating their adoption of the child. Mr. Ellis was a member of the Royal Arcanum, which entitled his heir to a benefit of $3000. The child was his heir, but a bylaw of the order forbids the payments of the money to any person but the legally appointed guardian.

Inasmuch as Mr. Ellis was the adopted parent, his death makes it necessary that a new one shall be appointed before the legacy can be enjoyed.

This hearing was a contest between the parties who want to be appointed to that office. There are three of them—Mrs. Sharpe, the mother of the child, who is a sister to Mr. Ellis; Mrs. Warren of Brighton, with whom the child has been living, and James H. Whitworth of Lowell, Mass, a police officer, who intervenes on the strength of a request from Mr. Ellis' mother, who lives in England, that he should be appointed and should protect the child.

Mrs. Warren and Mrs. Sharpe have made an arrangement whereby the child shall remain with Mrs. Warren for a period of two years, and after that she is to go to Mrs. Sharpe; so in reality these two are together contesting the case against Mr. Whitworth.

The latter claims that the other petitioners are not prepared to furnish a suitable home for the child, and requests that the court shall appoint him to the position.

John W. McEvoy, Esq. of Lowell represents Mr. Whitworth. Perry & Cleaves appeared for Mrs. Sharpe and D. Eugene Chaplin for Mrs. Warren.

THE WEATHER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Boston, Dec. 23.—Forecast for Boston and vicinity: Fair, colder tonight and Saturday; west to northwest winds, increasing in force.

Love that Alters.

"Love is not love that alters when it alteration finds."

That is one of the sublimest lines in all literature. It is the final definition of love by the world's greatest reader of the human mind.—Shakespeare. Nearly all women who truly love, love in this sublime way. Men seldom do.

Woman's most glorious endowment is the power to awaken and hold the pure and honest love of a worthy man. When she loses it and still loves on, no one in the wide world can know the heart agony she endures. The woman who suffers from weakness and derangement of her special womanly organism soon loses the power to sway the heart of a man. Her general health suffers and she loses her good looks, her attractiveness, her amiability and her power and prestige as a woman. Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., with the assistance of his staff of able physicians, has prescribed for many thousands of women. He has devised a perfect and scientific remedy for women's ailments. It is known as Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It is a positive specific for all weaknesses, diseases, disorders, displacements, irregularities, and debilitating drains peculiar to women. It purifies, regulates, strengthens and heals. Medicine dealers sell it, and no honest dealer will advise you to accept a substitute that he may make a little larger profit.

"I was afflicted with kidney trouble and I have always had a torpid liver," writes Mrs. E. Crosswhite, of Duffau, Erath Co., Texas. "When I commenced your medicine I was not able to stand on my feet. I used one bottle of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and five vials of his 'Pleasant Pellets.' I am now well. I had not walked in four months when I commenced the treatment; but in ten days I was able to walk everywhere."

BRAKEMAN DEAD

His Body Found Beside the Tracks.

EVIDENTLY FELL FROM THE TRAIN.

An Inquest is Now Being Held.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Baltic, Conn., Dec. 23—The body of a brakeman on the local freight was found beside the track here about 9 o'clock last night. The freight stopped at Baltic for about half an hour for the 7.35 train to go down, and during that time the man was in the village, where he visited several of the stores.

Just before the 9 o'clock train from Providence passed up, John Hussey, the track master, found the man's leg near the switch and his body and arms further up the track.

He had evidently fallen from a car and the train had gone on to Wilmantic before he was discovered. Dr. Stanton, medical examiner, is holding an inquest. The man's name was Whiting and he was about twenty six years of age.

GHANI BEY MURDERED.

WAS AIDE DE CAMPE TO SULTAN OF TURKEY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Constantinople, Dec. 23—Ghani Bey, the Sultan's aide-de-camp, was murdered yesterday by Hafuz Pacha in a quarrel which took place.

Ghani become notorious owing to his lawless proceeding in Epirou. He also inspired terror here by extorting money under threats of death. The officials of the foreign embassies have frequently demanded the punishment of Ghani Bey, but always unsuccessfully.

FAST NIGHT MAIL.

FROM ST. LOUIS TO BOSTON VIA NEW YORK.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 23.—The Wabash Railway management has made arrangements with the Lake Shore and the New York Central roads by which the night mail over the Wabash, leaving here at 8.41 p. m. will reach New York at 5.15 a. m., and Boston at 7 a. m., the second day. This arrangement applies to the mails only and it will place St. Louis letters in New York and Boston with the first morning delivery in both cities, a saving of several hours for business men.

NEW RAILWAY.

HAS FILED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Topeka, Kas., Dec. 23.—The Southwestern Railway company has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. The capital stock of the company is $5,000,000. The officers of the company are at Kansas City. The incorporators own the old Anthony branch of the St. Louis and San Francisco road which they lately purchased at foreclosure sale. They will organize a company to handle the property.

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THEATRES AND ATHLETICS

ADELINA PATTI, THE INCOMPARABLE DIVA.

Interesting Facts In the Romantic Life of the Greatest Soprano the World Has Ever Known.

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Among a company of dark browed Italians who landed at a New York wharf just 60 years ago was one Salvatore Patti, a Sicilian operatic tenor, who for years had all but starved as a music master in Madrid. With him came a brown eyed woman of decided beauty and two little girls with rounded cheeks and plaited hair. These children had the soft melodious voices of their southern home, and as the little family was very poor, they sang in the streets of New York. Many among the hurrying crowds of the city stopped to admire the rich, clear fulness of the younger girl's voice. Tightly clasped under her arm she held a bedraggled doll, and she courtesied with a stately old world grace as some passerby thrust a coin into her little brown hand. That child was Adelina Juana Maria Clorinda Patti, and that childish southern voice was destined to charm the world as it had never been charmed before.

New York in the fifties was not the fin de siecle New York of today. Near Madison Square on Fourth avenue stood the famous Cremorne Garden, the prototype of the Diana crowned Madison Square Garden of our own time. Here the antebellum New Yorker, more content with his lot than the ever hurrying century ender, sat about the tables in front of the stage of a warm summer night and while drinking his beer listened to the singers whom Manager Nixon of the Cremorne ushered before him.

One day this manager of the Cremorne chanced to hear two little Italians singing in front of the old New York hotel. Something in the younger girl's voice caught his ear, and he arranged for her appearance on the stage of the Cremorne. That was the first appearance of Adelina Patti. It was with great solicitude that Signora Patti plaited the long hair of her tiny daughter and carefully powdered the rough brown cheeks. But the doll, her beloved "Henriette," the child would not surrender, and when she made her first dignified courtesy on a public stage the china baby was clasped tightly under her arm. The staid Cremorne Gardeners forgot their beer mugs when they heard that childish soprano voice and applauded again and again.

After a season of singing "The Star Spangled Banner" and other patriotic songs, in which the American flag was usually waved by the young singer, the timbre of her voice attracted the attention of musicians, and in a short time Signorina Patti was singing before more accomplished and more critical audiences.

Music masters were secured, engagements were made, and it was seen that the demure little woman had inherited all the musical talent of her Italian mother, who had been known in Rome as a singer of some eminence. In time the little Patti made her debut at the Italian theater in New York, and before long such artists as Alboni, Sontag and even the great Mario himself stopped to give a word of admiring praise to the ambitious young songstress. On one occasion the then famous Grisi was heard by the youthful Adelina, who had put together a small nosegay for the great diva. Timidly she proffered her tribute to the singer, who waved her aside with the careless words, "Not just now, little girl," for a thousand hands were applauding thunderously on the other side of the footlights. Weeping and in confusion, the girl drew back, but the great big hearted Mario caught her up in his arms and kissed away her tears. He begged for the little bouquet and promised to keep it forever and forever.

In 1852 the child phenomenon was taken on a tour to Canada. On her return to New York she settled down to hard work and close study, and the years slipped quietly but happily away.

The sunshine of those early years was her girlish love for Max Strakosch, her "Dear Max," as she called him in all her youthful, passionate love letters. Max's brother Maurice had married Adelina's sister Amalia, and it was through the good services of both Max and Maurice that she first secured suitable singing masters and eventually her excellent and thorough vocal training.

It was a very beautiful part of her life, this love of the singing girl for the young Viennese pianist, who had the habit of taking her on his knee and telling her stories of his beautiful Vienna and old world singers and how some day she should be great and sing on a Vienna stage. Then, after a short rest, came the actual debut of the girl singer. In the New York Academy of Music in the winter of 1859 she sang the title role in "Lucia di Lammermoor," and, although she was but 15 years old, the news went far and wide that a new star had come to shine within the musical firmament. Unlike most child phenomenons, her voice had not been affected by her juvenile performances. From that day her success was unqualified, in many ways unparalleled. A triumphal tour of the United States followed, and then a journey to London, and her first separation from her beloved Max, to whom all the while she wrote tender, beautiful, feeling love letters, to be remembered in after years with much laughter, but more regret. London fell at her feet, and her singing in "La Sonnambula" carried the city by storm. The entire English world seemed to go mad over the beautiful young singer, who soon proved herself to be not only the possessor of a wonderful voice, but also a great actress. London society forgot its traditional reserve and opened its arms to the girl who had once sung in the streets of New York.

In her letters to the young pianist lover she had left in America she makes scarcely any mention of the great success she was achieving in England. In fact, in all her letters she refers to her powers as nothing more than ordinary, and once she laughingly said, while giving ten reasons for her undeserved title of "Queen of Song," that the tenth cause of her popularity was her willingness always to sing "Home, Sweet Home" when her audience asked for it.

But the young Adelina, like all other singers with ambition, ardently longed to have her English success consecrated by Gallic indorsement and confirmed by Parisian applause. When she did appear in the French capital, she met with nothing but delighted appreciation. Her tour of Europe was a Napoleonic triumph. She secured the patronage of the Empress Eugenia and in three years became regularly attached to the Italian Opera House in Paris. She became the spoiled darling of an indulgent imperial court, but living always, as she has put it, "a slave to her throat and her doctor," she let no dissipation lure her from the straight and narrow path of the trained vocalist.

The years that followed were probably the most brilliant and at the same time progressive in Mme. Patti's existence. An occasional appearance at St. Petersburg, at Brussels and at London added to her reputation. At the Russian capital she became the personal friend of the czar and the royal family, and as a result of that friendship she is today the only woman singer who possesses the order of St. Catherine.

By this time both Patti and Strakosch realized that, although loving each other devotedly, they would never be happy as man and wife. As her "Max" laughingly said long afterward, he wanted some one who would give him nice things to eat and sew buttons on his shirt. So, under the solicitations of the Empress Eugenia, Patti agreed to a union with the Marquis de Caux, the bearer of one of the oldest names in France and equerry to Napoleon III. For Patti this was a marriage de convenance, although she and her husband lived on happy grounds for several years. It was feared when she first married that the gifted marquise intended to retire from the operatic stage. Instead of this M. de Caux resigned his official position at court that he might accompany his wife on all her professional tours.

In 1867, the year following her marriage, Patti electrified Paris with her "Juliet" and scored still another success with her "Margherita," notwithstanding the fact that her rendition of this part had to challenge comparison with that of many other great singers.

But though Patti's married life seemed a manifestly happy one, such was not the case. As Handel pointed out in one of his letters, she had accumulated wealth, she had won fame, but she had no one to "suffer for." It seems to be the divine right of the artistic temperament, with its intense feeling and independent will, to make any effort to secure the highest happiness in marital association.

In the case of a great artiste, whose art demands continual labor and simple living, a husband might be called the one private luxury in a life of repellent publicity. If he is not all to her that her heart desires, she must remain inconsolably miserable or resort to the plan which Patti in her simple directness adopted. When Signor Nicolini, the tenor, appeared upon the scene of her life, she learned, though not at first, that he was more to her than her titled husband. Nicolini, who was already married, seems to have experienced the same feelings.

The long woning and the eventful winning of the singer by Nicolini was the romance of Mme. Patti's life. At their first meetings the great diva felt nothing but aversion for her lover, at whose adiposity she was in the habit of laughing. But Nicolini, the fiery hearted, followed her over all Europe, from city to city, and finally was so fortunate as to secure the part of Romeo in Gounod's opera, wherein she sang Juliet. The fervency of Romeo's lovemaking won a name for the struggling tenor and established his position as a singer and later, it is presumed, as a lover.

While the marquis did not openly disapprove of all this, he must have had premonitions of approaching trouble. In time a coolness sprang up between the two men, and Nicolini was no longer invited to the nobleman's home. The last straw, however, came when Patti was singing in Moscow. One of Nicolini's letters fell into the hands of the marquis. As a result of this he suddenly demanded that "Romeo and Juliet" be eliminated from the list of plays. The operatic manager reluctantly assented to this, but adroitly coupled the names of the two singers in "Traviata."

The angry marquis would not allow his wife to appear on the evening of the performance. To turn him from his purpose it was promised that Nicolini should not appear if Patti were only allowed to sing.

The diva appeared, as did Nicolini, and a few weeks later the marquise and the marquis separated. It was not, however, until the French divorce law was established in 1884 that the two were able legally to be put asunder. Two years later Nicolini and Patti were formally married. A peculiar feature of this second marriage was the number of ceremonies confirming its legality. There were four marriage ceremonies in England, one in Russia, according to the Greek church, one in France and one in Italy.

For some time before and after this union Patti went down in the estimation of many of her admirers, notable among whom was Queen Victoria. But subsequent events regained for the generous hearted singer my prestige she had momentarily lost, and Nicolini's devotion to his wife became a tradition of the stage. He watched over her like a father, tended her, and anticipated her every wish. Sometimes he even went down in the kitchen of their hotel and prepared with his own hands those little dishes which he knew the diva liked when she was unwell. And when the tenor fell ill of cancer of the tongue it was Patti, the tender hearted, who watched over him till his death, giving up her engagements that she might be at his bedside.

But while Patti the woman was passing through all these trials Patti the singer was accomplishing conquest after conquest. As Violetta in "La Traviata," in Verdi's "Aida" and in "Martha" she has demonstrated her versatility to an admiring world, her repertory now including almost 100 operas. Her voice, it is said, has earned over $3,000,000.

Of late Mme. Patti, as is well known, has made Wales her home, living a delightful life in her castle of Craig-y-Nos, in the beautiful Swansea valley. The stories that are told of the life of the wealthy singer and her castle sound like a page taken from the "Arabian Nights." Half a million dollars has been spent in making Craig-y-Nos fit and comfortable for entertaining, and no mediæval palace ever extended hospitality of a more picturesque or idyllic character.

And now it is announced that the manor in the Swansea valley is to have a new master. Patti, the eternally girl hearted, is said again to have fallen in love, and her approaching marriage to Baron Cederstrom of Sweden is announced. To those who do not know the personality of the diva this will come as a surprise. But those who have seen how she has learned the secret of perpetual health and with it apparently that of eternal youth still look upon this chere chanteuse of two hemispheres as a young woman, for all her 56 summers, and although the fortunate Swedish baron is some 20 years younger than his charming fiancee, it is said that Patti is still the younger hearted of the two.

ARTHUR J. STRINGER.

PATTI TWENTY YEARS AGO AND NOW.

The Mummer's Christmas.

The player plies his subtle art
In cloth of motley hue,
That you may know a merry heart
He leaves old Yule to you,
Leaves folly Yule to you.

He dons the sock and buskin gay
And laughs and jests and sings,
His throat may choke a sob away,
Yet still the mirth must ring,
Right merrily must ring.

He sees the happy Yuletide fires
When you keep festal day;
From many gray and reverend spires
Hears Christmas chimes a-play,
Chimes not for him a-play.

A stranger! And the holly gleams
In windows bright with cheer.
He has no home; perhaps he dreams
The Yule of some lost year,
Sweet Yule of some dead year.

As tired players wait the call
This busy Christmas day
May some kind seraph's voice enthrall
With benedicite,
Noel, benedicite!

CAROLINE WETHERELL.

Great Shooting This.

The world's ten shot pistol record was broken in Philadelphia recently by C. H. Taylor of the Massachusetts Rifle association. Mr. Taylor made the limit score of 100. He placed ten consecutive shots in a 3½ inch bullseyent 52½ yards. The previous record, which has stood since 1888, was 99, by T. J. Darlington of Wilmington, Del.

'Tis Christmas once again.
Here's wishing you a heart as
light as a snowflake in a storm
and a future as rosy as the sun-
set which comes afterward.
FLORENCE TORONTA.

THE CURLING SEASON.

Knights of the "Besom and Stane" Are Busily Preparing For This Winter's Bouspiels.

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The curlers are beginning to wake up. Not that the players of this ancient Scotch winter sport preserve a dormant condition during the rest of the year, because being most of them Scotsmen they are very wide awake men as a rule at all times and seasons. But your true curler, though he may attend to business and vote and take his part in the affairs of the world, really only lives for the time which he can spend on the ice with his "brithers" armed with the "besom and stane." Then he is really awake, and life to him is worth the living.

There is probably no game which promotes comradeship and good feeling so thoroughly among its devotees as does curling. There is something about the game that brings out the good nature in every man present. The very motto of the curlers, "We're Brithers A'," is significant of this fact.

The greatest center of curling in this country is in the northwest states, where the Northwestern Curling association controls the sport. In the east the Grand National Curling Club of America, which includes most of the rinks situated in and around New York, is the most prominent center of the sport.

The greatest curling tournament of the year is the annual international bonspiel of the Northwestern Curling association, and it is attended by most of the prominent curlers in this country and Canada. The enthusiasm and effervescing good spirits which characterize these spiels are the wonder of every one not acquainted with the methods and actions of curlers.

Last season the tournament was held at St. Paul and was largely attended, representatives of some 60 rinks being present. Play began on Monday, Jan. 17, and the last stone was "pit doon" on the Monday following. There were 25 sheets of ice available, five in the covered rink and 20 on the frozen river, so that nearly every club could play at the same time.

Nine events were played off, and the prizes offered were quite valuable. Interest was keenest, however, in the competition for the Walker international trophy, which is accompanied by four gold medals, one for each member of the winning rink.

This trophy is played for annually by all of the Canadian rinks entered in the bonspiel and an equal number of American rinks selected by an executive of the Northwestern Curling association. Last season there were 12 rinks on each side. The Canadians were defeated, the aggregate score being 185 to 171. The winners then played down to one rink, which holds the trophy till the bonspiel this season, although it becomes the absolute property of a club winning it three times. Canada won it in 1891 and 1896, America in 1895 and 1898, but no club has yet succeeded in capturing it a second time. Duluth won the cup last season.

The stones used in the Northwestern bonspiel, as in almost all the Canadian and American clubs, are of imported Scotch granite. Most of them weigh from 40 to 60 pounds, and on the days when the ice is keen and smooth they speed over the frozen surface like shots from a cannon. It requires a strong arm to put sufficient speed into a 50 pound curling stone to carry it to the tee 42 yards distant, and a practiced hand to gauge the speed so as to place the stone in a spot that is guarded from attack by the next player or to displace one belonging to an opponent that occupies a winning position.

There are two tees, one at each end of the rink, and the players hurl first from one end and then the other. A hole, or "hack," is cut in the ice four yards back of each tee, into which the player puts his foot and braces himself for the effort. The stone is put down the ice much as a player bowling at tenpins, though all resemblance to that game here ceases, however, being more like billiards. The player is obliged to inwick or outwick—that is, carom—on other stones and give his own stone a curling motion, from which the game takes its name, just as in billiards a player puts "English," or, as the Britishers call it, "side," into his stroke.

A peculiar feature of curling and one which always lends much amusement to spectators is the effect of sweeping the ice in front of a slowly moving stone. When one is scarcely moving, two or three players at the call of the "skip," or captain of the side, will start frantically sweeping the ice in front of it and coax it sometimes a dozen feet into maybe a good position.

Curlers are dependent on the weather for good sport, although there are splendid covered rinks in many places with artificial ice, but they are never so good as outdoors.

In future bonspiels of the N. C. A. it is probable that the number of ends will be reduced to 12, where last season they were 16, so that the tournament may be finished within a week. At the last three bonspiels the contests exceeded that period, and in some instances players were obliged to return home before the finish and thus forego their chances in the finals. The forthcoming bonspiel of the Northwestern curlers will be held at Baraboo, Wis., and great pains are being taken by the officials of the parent association and of the local rink to insure a sucessful meeting.

CHARLES E. EDWARDES.

Christmas, the day of days; the greatest holiday and the most sublime holy day!
NELLIE MELBA.

The Original of "Old Hoss."

It is not generally known that Old Hoss, the tramp in Evans and Hoey's farce comedy, "A Parlor Match," is a real man. Charles H. Hoyt met him in a little New England town one winter day, trudging along the main street in a linen duster and a ragged hat, but with an expression of such perfect content that the playwright called to him to stop. Hoyt asked his name. "Old Hoss," was the reply, as the tramp moved on.

"Where are you going?" asked Hoyt.

"To Denver."

"Tonight?"

"As far as I can walk tonight."

"Are you cold?"

"No, I am never cold."

"How do you manage to keep warm?"

"By never opening my mouth to ask questions, so the cold never gets a chance to get into me."

"You are a character."

"No, sir; I do not use it in my business. No one would believe it genuine if I had one."

"Do you want to earn a dollar?"

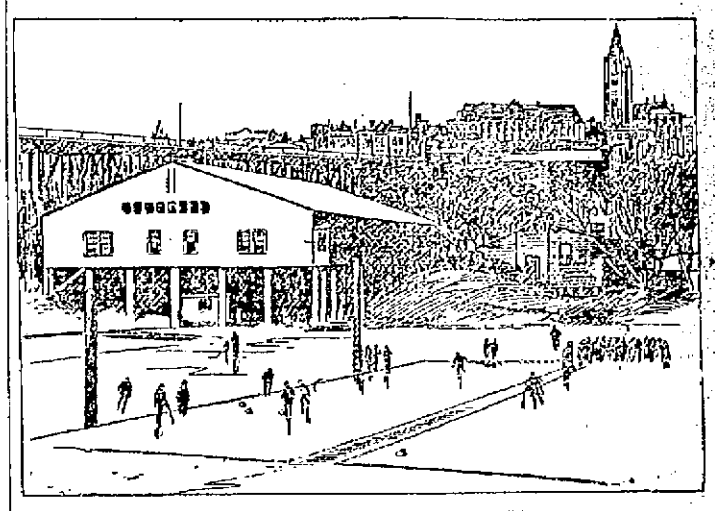
"What doing?"

"Sitting still in a warm room, with a square meal, a quart of beer and plenty of cigars, while I take a good solid look at you."

"I'll take that job, and work overtime if you like."

Hoyt and Old Hoss struck the bargain.

The warm room in a neighboring hotel was soon found, the square meal, the beer and the cigars furnished, and while Old Hoss enjoyed himself Mr. Hoyt sat on the opposite side of the table and rapidly wrote the character of Old Hoss into the first act of "A Parlor Match," making it fit in with that skill that distinguishes all his work. When he had finished the act, he was so pleased with it that he gave Old Hoss a $5 bill and sent him on his way feeling like a Vanderbilt. Every year or so Old Hoss turns up in New York and waits on Mr. Hoyt to know whether he has any more such "snaps" for him, but he does not get them.



ST. PAUL CURLING RINKS.

The singer and Christmas are alike in so far as both have gilded life with its most beautiful illusions. May the drop curtain of reality never shut either of them out from our workaday world!
JOHANNA GADSKI.

Sculling Race Arranged.

The backers of the Lynch brothers of Halifax decided to accept the challenge of Hubear and Barry, the English champions, for a double scull race for $2,500, the race to take place the last week in July at Halifax. The Lynches will allow the Englishmen $250 for expenses.

BITS OF STAGE NEWS.

John T. Sullivan, the leading man of "The White Heather" company, made his first appearance with the late Lawrence Barrett in "Rosedale" at the Detroit Opera House in 1880. Since that time he has been connected with the best dramatic organizations in America, but in "The White Heather" he has for the first time in his life been cast for the role of villain.

Sir Henry Irving possesses one of the finest collections of relics of former stars of the stage, the following being among his greatest treasures: A ring worn by David Garrick, a letter from Mrs. Siddons, a bust of Kemble, the last portrait of Charles Mathews and the silk purse which was found empty in Kean's pocket at his death.

A peculiar coincidence occurred in the life of Stuart Robson and one of his principal supports in the person of Theodore Hamilton. They are both natives of Baltimore and were born the same day and hour. They have been lifelong friends and companions.

It is said Lottie Collins' recent attempt at suicide resulted from grief over the condition of her 8-year-old son, who was born blind and has now become deaf.

The Baldwin theater, which was burned in San Francisco, at one time contained a stock company including James O'Neil, Rose Coghlan, Louis James, Edward J. Buckley, Jeffreys Lewis, James A. Herne, Lewis Morrison, Charles Bishop, Frank Mackay, Kate Mayhew, M. B. Curtis and Mrs. Farren, with David Belasco as stage director.

The Americans are holding their own and a little more in Berlin. A recent programme of the Winter Garden in that city contains the names of Sabaret, Madeline Kilpatrick and W. H. Barber, Alburtus and Bartram, Amelia Stone and the De Forests. The American biograph is the closing feature.

John Drew has a new play written for him by Jerome K. Jerome, but he will not produce it this season.

The emperor of Germany has ordered Leoncavallo, the author of "Pagliacci," to write an opera on the legends of Roland.

"A Romance of Athlone" is the title of Chauncey Olcott's new play.

Lillian Russell is considering the matter of a London appearance in "Giroflé-Girofla."

The manager of an up town New York theater has put into practice a rule forbidding any encores.

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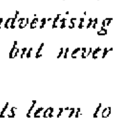

A merry Christmas to all.

Haverhill Gazette—Editor Harrington of the Lowell Sun presents his compliments to his esteemed contemporaries, coupled with a cordial invitation to follow their leader in the future.

It is reported that a peculiar case of the exercise of a certain brand of patriotism occurred on election day at Newburyport. The gentleman who was turned down by the patriots was Alderman Healey of that city. It is no discredit whatever to be a victim of such unjust discrimination.

A senatorial commission is proposed for the purpose of visiting Cuba and reporting upon a plan of government. Why not appoint the New York Journal's commission that gave expert testimony on the condition of the reconcentrados and the necessity of war to save humanity from being starved to death and being eaten up by vultures.

It is somewhat surprising that Mayor Bennett at the present juncture should recommend the discharge of Assistant Superintendent Beals. The mayor has been aware of the ground for the charges he now makes, before election day, but he made no complaint. Why has the complaint come so quickly after election? Is it because Beals is accused of indifference towards His Honor's election?

The republicans are already booming Senator Putnam as the next candidate for the mayoralty. Whether Senator Putnam would be a stronger candidate than Mayor Bennett has been this year depends largely on the success of the next administration, and we predict now that it will so meet the approval of the citizens in general that the republicans can put up no candidate for mayor who will have any chance of election.

Now that Lowell is to be a dry town the question of license in Dracut is one of much importance. The new villa of Kenwood down the river would like to establish its independence and have a license of its own as a half way centre between Lowell and Lawrence. There may be new developments on this qustion in the near future, as the mayor of Kenwood, Mr. Pilotte, is considering an appeal to the legislature.

TESTIMONY OF GENERAL MILES.

The testimony of General Miles before the War Investigating Commission sheds a lurid light upon the mismanagement of Secretary Alger and the officials of his appointment. In the first place General Miles showed that his orders as head of the army were ignored by General Shafter, who was one of Alger's favorites, a subordinate in the line of military service. Miles forbade Shafter to allow his men to mingle with the Cubans or the Spaniards or to occupy houses that had been vacated by the natives. This order was entirey ignored and as a consequence the rations intended for the army were consumed by Cuban refugees, while large numbers of the American soldiers contracted various diseases from contact with these refugees. In reference to the army supplies General Miles spoke in the plainest terms. He stated that his orders not to send rations to Porto Rico had been disregarded, and that while he could purchase beef in Porto Rico at six cents per pound the canned beef sent in bulk was unfit for use after delivery in Porto Rico. He stated that the preserved beef gave off an order resembling that of dead bodies after embalming and he believes that a large portion of the sickness of the troops was due to the chemical with which the meat had been preserved or "embalmed," and this, he says, the soldiers were obliged to eat to escape starvation. This statement coming from General Miles cannot be contradicted, and it is proof sufficient of the gross negligence and the utter incompetence which characterized the management of the War Department. It will be difficult after such a revelation coming from the highest authority in the army itself to exonerate Secretary Alger or his protege General Shafter.

THE FRENCH DREYFUS-MAD.

The French people seem to be Dreyfus-mad in making such fools of themselves over that conspiracy of army officers to injure one of their number because he happened to be of Jewish descent. They seem to think that if Germany should come into possession of the knowledge of their forts and coast defences the republic would be overthrown. As a matter of fact such knowledge would be of little use to Germany or any other nation in case of war if the French people were ready to defend themselves as a nation or as free men should. At the present time the nation is so utterly excited over the matter that a revolution may result.

THE PEACE TREATY.

It is now stated on all sides that the peace treaty will be ratified without any serious opposition. Colonel Bryan's attitude on the question has disarmed the opposition on the democratic side. He believes that the treaty should be ratified and that the opposition should be directed to any future step towards making the Philippines a colony or a vassal state, or even towards annexing them as a state of the union. His proposition is that the Philippines should be treated exactly like Cuba, that a stable government should be established and that as soon as the Filipinos are capable of self-government they should be allowed to establish a republic and work out their own destiny.

The general opinion among those who frequent barrooms is that the police commission is making itself too busy in interfering with the management of the saloons. These who patronize the rum shops during the year think that they are entitled to a free drink around Christmas time and that the commission has no right to restrict the generosity of the dealers. They would not be blamed so much for this step if it had not been preceded by a rule forbidding the use of large schooners.

A citizen has offered to raise ten thousand dollars for the soldier's monument in case the city should purchase the triangular area on which Burbank's restaurant is located. If the city had plenty of money to spend, it might purchase this tract of land for a public square; but at the present time there is no prospect whatever that the city for ten years to come will be in a position to do any thing so liberal.

The Woonsocket Call is to be congratulated on having secured the services of such an able editor as Thomas Hamilton Murray, formerly of the Lawrence Sun. Mr. Murray is one of the brightest newspaper men in New England and under his direction the Call may be expected in a short time to be the leading paper in Woonsocket and the peer of any in Rhode Island.

The sentence of Engineer Getchell to two years imprisonment for criminal negligence in the Dedham railroad accident will be a salutary lesson for other engineers. They are entrusted with the lives of the people, and if they show the slightest carelessness they are utterly unfit for the position they hold. Hence when it is found that an official in such a responsible position is guilty of criminal negligence it is for the best interests of the public that he should be severely punished. If every railroad official did his full duty there would be fewer accidents attended with loss of life.

A few girls of a New Hampshire academy have been detected smoking cigarettes. Thus some of the gentler sex catch on to the habits of their male companions. The cigarette habit is as bad as the grip.

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CURRENT EVENTS

A TWICE PLAYED GAME.

Remarkable Coincidence or Something Else In a Game of Chess.

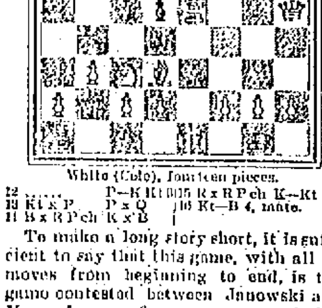
A chess enthusiast, signing himself Chessman, writes to the New York Sun as follows:

Allow me to draw attention to the following extraordinary occurrence: About four or five years ago Le Monde Illustre of Paris arranged an international chess tournament in which all the games had to be contested by correspondence. The players were divided into sections, and Janowski, at that time not very well known in European chess circles, was pitted against a certain Hungarian amateur of the name of Meyer of Temesvar, Hungary. Their game happened to turn out such a gem of brilliancy that all the leading European chess periodicals reprinted the game from Le Monde Illustre, in which the account at first appeared. Wochenschach, La Nuova Rivista Degli Scacchi, La Strategie and other publications were among the number printing the game with copious notes and diagrams. In its issue of Nov. 20 of this year Wochenschach prints the game again, stating that it was recently played at the City of London Chess club between H. H. Cole and W. Ward. Here are the moves:

RUY LOPEZ.

H. H. COLE. White.	W. WARD. Black.	H. H. COLE. White.	W. WARD. Black.
1 P—K 4	P—K 4	7 P x Kt ch	B—K 2
2 Kt—K B 3	Kt—Q B 3	8 B—Q 3	Castles
3 B—Kt 5	Kt—B 3	9 Kt—Q B 3	Kt—K
4 Castles	Kt x P	10 P—Q Kt 3	P—Q B 3
5 R—K	Kt—Q 3	11 B—Kt 2	P—Q 4
6 Kt x P	Kt x Kt	12 Q—R 5	

POSITION AFTER WHITE'S TWELFTH MOVE.
Black (Ward), fourteen pieces.



White (Cole), fourteen pieces.

12	P—K Kt 3	15 R x R P ch	K—Kt 8
13 Kt x P	P x Q	16 Kt—B 4, mate.	
14 B x R P ch	K x B		

To make a long story short, it is sufficient to say that this game, with all its moves from beginning to end, is the game contested between Janowski and Meyer four or five years ago, and that Janowski detected the Cole-Ward game in Wochenschach when looking through that paper at the Manhattan Chess club the other day. Cole is a well known London amateur of the first class. Ward is also known as a player of strength and good repute. It is difficult to explain it. Either Cole arranged with Ward to play the game with him, in which case Ward deliberately submitted to defeat in order to enhance his friend's reputation or each played from unconscious memory. In the latter case it will prove to be an instance of plagiarism of that sort which casts all previous well known cases utterly in the shade.

PARIS BY THE SEA.

An Interesting Scheme For the Exhibition of 1900.

Among the many novelties under consideration for the coming exhibition in Paris in 1900 perhaps the following is the most daring: It is suggested by an ex-pupil of the Ecole Polytechnique to create a sea bathing establishment on the site of the Champ d'Entrainement, at Longchamps, in the Bois de Bologne. The primal necessity for successful sea bathing is the sea, and Paris is not on the seashore. It is suggested, however, that it is by no means impossible to convey the sea (or some of it) to Paris and by the following means:

Machinery of great power is to draw water from the channel, between five and six miles above Dieppe, and to draw the sea water through pipage of about 120 miles in length to Longchamps. There an immense open air bath, a sort of microscopic inland sea, is to be hollowed out to receive the water, and the shores of this little sea are to be banked and covered with fine sand, so as to give the illusion of the real article. A casino will also be constructed near this novel watering place, and the inventors of the scheme expect a large income from the petits chevaux, which, as in the larger seaside resorts, would form a most profitable source of revenue and a popular form of amusement.

It is proposed to make a charge for bathing of 50 centimes on Sundays and fete days, while the aristocracy will be enabled to bathe free from plebeian contamination on two days a week at a charge of five francs. By means of a system, which the inventor has not explained to the public, but of the success of which he declares himself assured, it will be possible not only to secure a regular ebb and flow of the sea water, but even to provoke at will little storms upon this little sea, by means of which little shipwrecks will be produced in a most lifelike fashion. The whole capital is said to be already underwritten, and all that is necessary now is the consent of the municipal council and of the town of Paris to the project.—Chicago Chronicle.

Allows Cubans to Close Shops Sundays

General Wood has granted the petition of several Spanish merchants for permission to close their stores on Sunday, they having been compelled to keep open seven days in the week under the Spanish law. He has also issued an order directing the closing of the saloons on the Sabbath, and there is not likely to be a "Sunday closing" question in Santiago so long as that city shall be under military rule.—Chicago Tribune.

Great Ceremonies Over a Hair.

A hair of the beard of the prophet Mohammed has been presented to the Constantinople poorhouse by a lady of that city. A great procession of state officials and military accompanied the relic when the transfer was made.

ANTIBREAKFAST FAD.

Elgin, Ills., Converted to the New Gospel of Health.

HAS GAINED A SOLID FOOTHOLD.

Morning Meal Is Eliminated In the Households of a Good Many Prominent Citizens—Philosophy of the Fast—Effect on Some of the Enthusiasts—The Simple Treatment.

As a result of a little missionary work in Elgin, Ills., for a few weeks a good many citizens have "thrown physic to the dogs," and, it might be said, their breakfasts, too, for they have abandoned the morning meal and will have none of it. In other words, they have acted upon Dr. Edward Hooker Dewey's advice and are giving their stomachs a rest.

A few months ago, about the time the "antibreakfast" missionary appeared in Elgin, a Chicago newspaper contained a paragraph about a new fad that had taken possession of many people in the east. Whether it is a fad or not it has come to stay in Elgin, and the results are said to be already apparent in the improved feeling and appearance of those who have adopted the "true science of living," and those who have tried it longest speak most highly in its praise.

"Go without your breakfast and quit between meal nibbling. Drink when thirsty and eat whatever your appetite craves." These in brief are the injunctions laid down by Dr. Dewey and which he has given for a score of years. There is no medicine whatever connected with the treatment.

Among the enthusiasts in Elgin are members of the clergy and others in professional life. They include the Rev. O. H. Rogers, pastor of the First Universalist church; the Rev. H. Slade, former pastor of that church; Superintendent George Hunter of the Elgin National Watch company, and Miss Cecil Harvey, librarian of the Gail Borden public library. Mr. Rogers is convinced that he is cured of a chronic complaint from which he had almost despaired of securing relief. Mr. Slade, with his 80 years, is as spry as a cricket, and has prepared a sermon to deliver on "The New Gospel." Mr. Hunter, who had been very little at his office in the watch factory, is now found there every day, while Assistant Superintendent W. H. Cloudman, who sees the excellent results in his chief, is tapering off to a light breakfast and hopes soon to have sufficient fortitude to abandon forever the "habit" of partaking of the morning meal.

Miss Harvey became converted on reading Dr. Dewey's book and purchased copies for the library. These have done much to point to the error of old ways. Nearly every one who has read it has since worried along on two meals a day and feels the better for it. There is talk of organizing an antibreakfast club in Elgin. A majority of the people to whom the two meal plan is broached admit that they eat too much, but at first they think it would be better to abstain from supper.

The foundation on which rests the argument of the antibreakfast advocates is that restful sleep is not a hunger creating process; that breakfasting is a mere habit; that eating when food is not required is a positive injury, giving the stomach too much to do; that the rest afforded by abstaining from food from supper time till dinner time gives a chance for the accumulation of gastric juices, which at once takes hold of the dinner in the process of digestion. It has been shown by experiments that this way of living is alike suitable to the person of indoor habits and to the farmer, laborer and craftsman of every line. Dr. Pentecost, the eminent London preacher, after suffering from sick headache for 40 years, became a convert to "the new gospel of health" and has been cured of his distressing malady. Dr. Dewey, who experimented for a score of years and finally adopted the theory in his practice, actually puts patients on a starvation diet until they get an appetite, the time varying from a few days to as many weeks.

It is a fact that the antibreakfast idea has gained a solid foothold in Elgin. Fleshy persons are getting down to a more comfortable size, and the lean are seeing themselves transformed. The ruddy hue of health is taking the place of the pinched and sallow features of the dyspeptic. Dinner finds the antibreakfast disciple of mature years with an appetite such as he had not known since childhood, while the children who are practicing the so called starvation fad say that they get along better at school and learn their lessons with more ease than they did formerly. The trial of the plan costs only a bit of self denial and a few days' practice suffices to banish the desire for the early meal.—Chicago Record.

Cuba's Population One Million.

Calisto Lopez, the head of one of the largest houses in Havana and having important interests in the island, said to me the other day that he thought there were 2,000,000 persons in the island before the war began. He estimates that 800,000 have been killed or have died from starvation, neglect or other unusual causes. This would leave 1,200,000 persons on the island. I have had other estimates from not so reliable sources to the effect that there are now about 1,000,000 persons on the island.—Chicago Record.

Keeps Visitors Out of Friedrichsruh.

Prince Herbert Bismarck recently issued orders that strangers shall no longer be admitted to Friedrichsruh or to Sachsenwald, which have been heretofore so much used as picnic grounds by the people of Hamburg.

LINKS OF HISTORIC CHAIN.

Ex-Mayor Hewitt Buys Part of Barrier That Held Back the British.

Ex-Mayor Abram S. Hewitt of New York recently bought 18 links of the historic chain that was stretched across the Hudson river from West Point to Constitution island in 1778. Each link weighs 800 pounds and is 3 feet 9 inches long. Mr. Hewitt will display the links on the lawn of his country seat, near Greenwood Lake, N. J.

ABRAM S. HEWITT.

Cooper, Hewitt & Co. own the iron mine near the Sterling mines, which produced the ore that went into the chain. The forge where the chain was made is at Tuxedo. The chain never was passed by the British. Mr. Hewitt bought the links from a Front street curiosity dealer in New York after negotiations extending four years.—Special Philadelphia Press.

CARROLL ON PORTO RICO.

The Commissioner's Views on Their Ability to Govern Themselves.

Dr. H. K. Carroll, who was sent to Porto Rico by President McKinley to ascertain the condition of internal affairs there, delivered a lecture recently at Plainfield, N. J., in which he spoke particularly of the ability of the Porto Ricans to govern themselves.

He says he has no direct knowledge of the condition of the Filipinos, but that the inference made in the report of the Hawaiian commission that the Porto Ricans are incapable of self government after the United States has established a suitable form of government, is incorrect, and, he considers, a presumptuous view of the Hawaiian commission to take, especially in view of the fact that they have presumably no knowledge of the Porto Ricans.

The commissioner to Porto Rico considers the natives quite as capable in every particular to govern themselves as the inhabitants of Hawaii. He says that the Porto Ricans are not savages nor barbarous, as some people think. He confessed that there is much illiteracy in the island, but says he believes that by the adoption of the customs and institutions of the United States the island would soon overcome that difficulty and that eventually the Porto Ricans would evidence a capacity to govern themselves equal to that of either the Cubans or the Hawaiians. The aspirations of the Porto Ricans, he declares, are indicative of their reaching a useful and creditable state of citizenship. They are anxious for the introduction of American customs and institutions, as well as the adoption of the English language in place of the Spanish as their tongue. They are different from the Cubans, he says, in that they are a peace loving people. The fact that there is practically no system of registry in the island and that estates and properties are handed down by common consent from generation to generation without litigation is evidence of their peaceable character and their recognition of right over wrong.—New York Sun.

WONDERFUL TIMEPIECE.

Calendar For the Next One Hundred Years Regulates Its Movements.

Our Brussels correspondent says: A truly wonderful timepiece is now on view in Brussels. The inventor, M. Noll, hailing from the Black Forest, spent five years in its construction and has beaten all previous records in clockmaking. This structure, which stands 15 feet high, reproduces the facade of a building of the early renaissance period. The clock, in addition to its ordinary functions, marks the four seasons as well as the chief church festivals, fixed and movable, all of which are heralded in to the minute by automaton figures, choral services, church music or the song of birds, according to the season.

A feature of the mechanism is the hourly procession of the apostles before the figure of Christ and the morning and evening chant of monks, who are summoned from the cloister by the monastery bell, tolled by the sexton in view of the public. A representative of the earth's course round the sun and of the moon round the earth furnishes an object lesson in the seasons, eclipses and other celestial phenomena. The clock will be exhibited at Paris in 1900 and will be probably offered for sale, being valued at $15,000. Its movements are regulated by the calendar for the next 100 years.—London Chronicle.

Mistook Chinese Lily Bulbs For Onions

Mrs. Marietta L. Brush of Huntington, N. Y., recently received some rare bulbs, said to be of the Chinese lily variety. In shape and size they resembled onions. Mrs. Brush put the bulbs away in a kitchen closet to wait the time for putting them into pots. A few days ago she was called away from home, and during her absence one of her daughters came across the bulbs. She thought they were onions, and at night they were sliced and fried for supper. When eating them, she and her sister noticed that they tasted exceedingly bitter for onions. Later on both were taken violently ill. Their illness was not serious.

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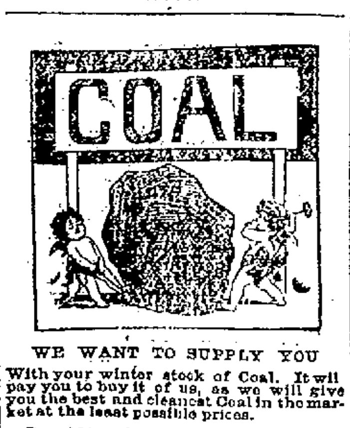

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The Middy and the Savage Maid

A REAL LIFE ROMANCE OF FAR AWAY SAMOA

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MR. PALFREY, royal navy, was so close to the finish of his days as a midshipman that he almost knew how it would feel when he became a sublieutenant. There was only a trifle in the way of an examination, and that he felt confident of passing when his ship returned to the headquarters of the fleet at Sydney. Being then so considerable a personage, young Mr. Palfrey felt himself entitled to a plunge into romance when his ship came to Samoa and lay at anchor in Apia harbor. He fell violently in love with his surroundings. But when one is a midshipman on the very edge of a sublieutenancy it is not enough to be in love with the surroundings. Something more personal is needed.

The town of Vaiala never made a better financial investment than when it appointed Sueina to be the official "maid of the village." If the straggling fringe of shops and houses which make up the town of Apia could be deemed capable of having suburbs, then Vaiala would be the eastern suburb of Apia. On steamer days curious tourists were attracted that way by the presence of certain of the official residences, also by the fact that it lay in the breeze and was almost comfortable when Apia was like an oven. The Samoans look on steamer days as their monthly markets and the passing tourists as a source of income. Therefore it was held a fine thing for Vaiala that it had a village maiden who could speak English, by no means a common accomplishment among the islanders. When the tourists came to Vaiala in large and small parties, Sueina was there to show them around the village, to take them about where there were curiosities and trinkets for sale at exorbitant rates and to make sure in general that as much of their money was left behind in the native community as could be wheedled out of their pockets on one score or another.

When there were no mail steamers with curious passengers there remained the naval vessels of the great powers. The officers, when they were first assigned to the duty and when all was fresh and new to them, were eager for exhibitions of the dancing girls, and in all Samoa there was none so expert as Sueina at the "siva," or native dance. Her village could find no fault with her attractiveness so long as she continued to attract rich presents and money, which, after all, is the main thing in these savage communities. For six years she had been "maid of the village." That meant that she stood as high as the chief; that a woman, old Tofi, was assigned to be her governess, or duenna, to attend her wherever she went; that a train of the young girls of the town was at her service; that on occasions of ceremony she would play the leading part in the dancing and in the processions.

Already she had led the troops of Vaiala to victory and had marched before them into battle brandishing an ax. In these years she might have had any unmarried chief in all Samoa, and many had come wooing the elders of Vaiala for the handsome maid. But for years Vaiala had rejected all offers. The elders in their council meetings recognized the fact that Sueina unmarried attracted young chiefs as the flower of the breadfruit attracts flies to its cloying sweetness. Every chief who came a-courting brought presents, ever richer and richer as the word spread that Sueina was held at a higher figure.

This was the embodiment of all the south sea charm to the eager fancy of young Mr. Palfrey of the royal navy. He saw her first at a dance which she conducted in her own town of Vaiala, by no means a spontaneous performance, as the officers' mess discovered when stock was taken of the actual money as well as other benevolences which the entertainment had cost them.

This was but the first of many meetings. The young officer devoted all his time to the maiden when he was at liberty to leave the duties which pertain to such young officers aboard British men-of-war. He must have performed those duties ill, for it was manifest that he had no thought aside from his rapture over the glorious creature with the coffee complexion whom he recognized he loved to madness. His brother officers chaffed him. He was made the butt of such jests as always find prompt currency in the wardroom of any cruiser. But none of these things produced any impression on the middy.

When he had spare time, he courted the girl. If he had but been familiar with the customs of the country, he would have wooed the old men of the village, who have the final settlement of the love affairs of the official maid. Sueina sat and listened to all this love-making and turned it to the advantage of her town, as she was bound to do. The town, however, was considering matters of a graver importance than the British middy and his love affairs. Possibly, if the elders of the town had known that he was the owner of broad English acres and plenty of money and was the heir to some sort of lordship, they might have counted him in as a factor in the matrimonial problem of the village maid, which was just where he wanted to be counted.

Some one had carried Sueina's glory to Tonga, the next island kingdom away to the southward of Samoa. It had been told the Tongans that of all the maids of Samoa Sueina was the handsomest and the best at the dance. A wandering Tongan of high rank came to Vaiala and saw her in the guest-house. Then some breeze from the south brought to Vaiala the word that young King George of Tonga had asked his councilors, in view of the fact that there was no girl in Tonga sufficiently high in rank to mate with him, if it would not be well that he marry the Samoan beauty. Mr. Palfrey might have taken the high ground that a British middy is as high as a south sea potentate on his throne; still it is perhaps just as well that he was ignorant that he had a royal rival, or at least that the elders of Vaiala were inclined to believe that King George had matrimonial intentions.

There was yet another element in the problem. Sueina had a suitor who would not be denied—a Samoan chief of birth fully as high as her own—Tufele, the chief of Manu'a. He was making his courting visit in due and ancient form. His boats dashed up to the beach with shouts of lofty titles. His presents, when displayed on the town green, showed that rumor had not falsified his wealth. It was understood that if Tufele were to marry the famous maid he would be made king of Manu'a. His wife would be cherished as a thing sacred. No work would fall to her lot such as filled the days for the wives of other chiefs. She would be surrounded by her women, not one of whom might venture to address her save in answer to a question. When she was carried abroad, for she might not set foot on common ground, the highest chiefs would bow before her path and shout her names and titles.

So much for Manu'a, a distant island speck, where she would not see a naval officer for years together. In Tonga it would be different. She knew all about that, for her own sister had married the father of King George. She would live in a house such as white men build. She would have clothes such as white women wear. Her pockets would be filled with money. She would wear a crown on her head and be such a queen as the English Victoria, whose picture she had often seen. About this Britannia where the young naval officer wanted her to go and live she supposed it must be something like Apia, where there were Samoan women who had married white men. They had to wear shoes which must be uncomfortable, and they wore clothes all over and hats, but they had all the corned beef and soda crackers they could eat. When her middy told her that London was a great deal bigger than Apia, she got the idea that there must be more corned beef and soda crackers there, for her ideas of luxurious living were limited to imagining a state of life in which one had an unfailing supply of these two luxuries, with canned salmon for a change.

As matters stood there was quite a problem—we'll not say in love, but in matrimony—which was to be settled in Vaiala. There was young Mr. Palfrey making love to Sueina, when, if he had made his suit to a set of toothless old men, he might have been considered. Then there was Tufele making love to these important elders and not paying any attention to Sueina until it had been agreed that he was to marry her. Then there were these selfsame elders who had a hope that King George of Tonga would propose for Sueina and accompany his proposal with gifts on a scale befitting his kingdom. There were two other elements which no one stopped to consider, yet each was employed in its appropriate climax to undo all that had up to those times been carefully done. These two elements will be found doing business when the story reaches the place for them in turn.

Considering that Tufele was not such a mighty king as his Tongan majesty and that he had only a small group of three islets to draw from, he showed a most becoming appreciation of the proper considerations which should govern a suitor for a lady of such high rank. When the Vaiala elders discovered what he was prepared to do, both in the way of presents and in return for the dowry of the young lady, the elders accepted his most magnificent proposals. Then came the long discussion of the amount of the dowry. Two factors were at work in opposite directions. On the one hand the suitor and the town were eager to swell the number of fine mats which are a maiden's portion in order that they might gain all the greater glory for such a rich wedding. On the other hand the town was loath to give up a single mat more than it could help, for these finely woven articles are the sole evidence of Samoan wealth, and Tufele was equally loath to receive them, inasmuch as he would have to make a return present equal to their value. These were details all within the settlement of the elders, and the women were not present at the meeting.

Still, no objection was made to allowing the old woman Tofi to act as an eavesdropper, and Sueina was as interested as any savage maid can be as her governess brought in successive reports of the dowry. It passed the 100 mark and soon the 200 mark, as the heads of the different families declared the number of mats which they were ready to contribute. Even up to the great figure of 250 the count jumped rapidly by five and ten at a time.

These mats are not to be made in less than two years' patient weaving by hand. Consequently it is with reason that they are held at a high value. Then, one at a time, more mats were added to the dowry, which had already passed the highest mark known in Samoan matrimonial history. The town was apparently about to bankrupt itself in establishing a new record. The glory of being the bride in such a wedding as this filled Sueina's heart. She could hardly wait for Tofi to bring her the news from the place of meeting.

Her sailor lover chanced to be with her. He was interested in the session of the village elders, but he was surprised that Sueina could not better explain the topic being debated. At last the particulars were all settled, the dowry was agreed upon, the return presents were included in the bargain, and Tufele was a successful wooer.

But Tufele and the elders had relied too implicitly on the custom of their country. They had not made love to Sueina, and the young sailor had not made love to them. Each was ignorant of the customs of the other. Sailor love and British custom won. Sueina was flattered at the prospect of being a party to a wedding so extravagantly gorgeous as the one which had been settled for her, but it did not attract her as powerfully as the things which she had been hearing from her midshipman. It may have been love. It may have been a wish to live in London, with its unfailing supplies of soda crackers and canned corned beef.

At any rate, Sueina ran away from Vaiala that night, the only way in her power to escape marriage with Tufele. She gave up her high official position and all her chances in life, and she gave them up because Midshipman Palfrey had been making love to her. That is the first of the two elements which were announced as being about to undo all the work of the matchmakers. Sueina refused to marry Tufele and ran away.

The midshipman's attentions to the maid of the village had not been permitted to pass without notice. So long as she was the maid of the village it was all right, but just as soon as she resigned her official station this love-making became all wrong. The commander of this particular cruiser of the royal navy which employed the talents of that very junior officer, Mr. Palfrey, suddenly recognized that as his midshipman was heir to a title he himself might be called to an inconvenient accounting if a fine brown strain of Samoan blood were to be mixed with the English nobility. As soon as the captain learned that Sueina had run away he decided on practically the same course himself. That day the man-of-war steamed out of Apia harbor, and Mr. Palfrey had no opportunity to have an explanation with Sueina. The captain then proved himself the final element which overturned the last of the plans of lovers and matchmakers in this case.

Of all the characters in this small episode of recent history the only uncertainty is as to King George of Tonga. The midshipman sailed away into a colder climate and undoubtedly recovered. Tufele had his gorgeously extravagant wedding without a hitch, for he did not mind such a trifle as shifting brides and was just as happy with the new maid whom the elders of Vaiala hastily chose to fill Sueina's place.

The elders were satisfied and for the same reason. Sueina lost by her transaction in the affections, but it is much more likely that it was ambition to marry a white man than that it was the stirring of the heart. As to the Tongan monarch, it must remain forever in uncertainty just whether he was thinking of marrying or not. He still remains without a queen.

SUEINA, THE SAVAGE MAID

TOFI, THE SAVAGE MAID'S DUENNA

SUEINA'S LADIES IN WAITING

TUFELE, THE SAVAGE SUITOR.

Fighting Against Cowardice.

After reading of the brilliant exploits of the gallant troops at Omdurman one may be pardoned for doubting the existence of cowards in the British army.

Unfortunately, however, every now and then amid the din and crash of battle a recruit is seized with a fit of cowardice, which he boldly fights against. The attack is oftentimes quite inexplicable and nearly always momentary.

The majority of men are brave by instinct, especially when in the thick of a fight. There are, of course, exceptions to the rule, but generally the feeling that the soldier is not a separate unit, but a cog in a vast fighting machine tends to make even the most timorous stand shoulder to shoulder with his comrades.

Then the fear of being thought afraid steels the nerves of many a failing soldier, and there is no doubt that the dread of the contempt and indignation of his fellows is a most powerful stimulant.

Very rarely indeed does a British soldier allow fear to overcome his sense of duty, but some old veteran will occasionally admit that he has known perhaps one such instance, and in reply to the question, "How is it we never read of such cases?" he will answer: "One dead man is a small loss to a regiment. Besides, one man running off may cause another to follow him, and a panic may thus set in. Before any one has time to think about it or issue an order, depend upon it, one of his comrades, for the honor of the regiment, puts a bullet through him."

Sir Charles Napier had an effective method of dealing with cowards. On one occasion a flying soldier was stopped by his fellows, who were about to shoot him, when the general intervened.

"Give the man another chance," he ordered. "Place him in the front rank, and if he turns again let him be shot."

The man eagerly embraced this chance for life, overcame his fears and fought bravely for the rest of the day. Bravery is sometimes largely due to mere lack of sensibility.

"There goes the bravest man in the army," said the old Kaiser Wilhelm on the battlefield of Sadowa as a pale young officer cheered his men on to the charge. "He is terribly afraid of being shot, and he knows it, but he loves his duty and country more than his personal safety, and that is what makes him lead his men on so gallantly."

Insulating the Mind.

There is a story told of a traveler in the tropical forest who, thinking to drink water from some tree or vine, tapped instead, unwittingly, a rubber bearing plant. Mixing a little rum with the liquid, he quenched his thirst, only to die a few hours later with rubber bands clogging every turn of his intestines. The insulated victim of this traveler's tale finds his counterpart in actual life in a New Jersey man who went around lately with a bottle of rubber pellets, which he ate to prevent another man from hypnotizing him with electricity. His idea was, he said, that he would thus "insulate his mind" successfully, just as the tropical tourist quenched his thirst, but such experiments prove disastrous and have to be stopped whether the victim takes the rubber solid or liquid.

Aluminium's First Discoverer.

The first discoverer of aluminium had the reward of his genius. Pliny tells us that in the reign of Tiberius (14 B. C. to 37 A. D.) a worker in metals presented a beautiful metal cup resembling silver, but lighter, to the emperor, who questioned him and learned that he extracted the new metal from clay. The secret, he said, was known but to himself and the gods. The sage Tiberius, reflecting that if this metal could be made of earth it would lower the price of silver and gold, decapitated the artificer in order that his secret might remain with the gods and so deprived the world of a most useful metal for 18 centuries.

ALL THE WORLD OVER.

America uses 10,000,000,000 eggs annually.

Bright red spectacles, accompanied by internal doses of calomel, are the latest German specific for seasickness. The theory is that seasickness is due to lack of blood in the brain, while the influence of the red color of the glasses sends blood to the brain with a rush.

According to a report of the London board of trade on the cost of strikes in Great Britain in 1897, just issued, the latter involved an aggregate loss of 10,000,000 working days, 230,000 persons being thrown out of employment.

There are at least 10,000,000 nerve fibers in the human body.

Four immense five story brick flats in New York have been moved 105 feet to make way for a bridge, the operation requiring 21 days. There were 325 jackscrews under the buildings, and at each signal they were shifted three-sixteenths of an inch. The contractor received $10,000 for the work, which was entirely successful.

By order of the Berlin Barbers, Hairdressers and Wigmakers' union apprentices are forbidden to wear their hair cut short, because the practice is unprofessional. The union decided that "the apprentice's hair should be tastefully and carefully dressed in order to act as inspiration for the business and for customers."

Underground London contains 31,000 miles of telegraph wires, 3,003 miles of sewers, 4,630 miles of water mains and 3,200 miles of gas pipe, all definitely fixed.

Indiana now ranks second as a state in which fruits and vegetables are packed, Maryland being first, Indiana second and New Jersey third. Indiana now manufactures 25 per cent of the canned goods manufactured in this country.

Great Britain leads in sugar consumption.

Truffles will soon be cultivated on scientific principles and are likely to become cheaper. M. Chatin, who discovered that the truffle is a mushroom, has announced to the Academie des Sciences at Paris that the Duc de Lesparre, brother of the Duc de Gramont, has found out how it germinates and on what leaves its spores will become fruitful.

Uncle Sam is first in tobacco consumption.

Austria-Hungary has floating expositions.

In Woman's World.

DAISY MAY AND THE HOLIDAYS.

A Round of Gayety Breezily Described — Various Subjects of Interest to the Gentler Sex.

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Bob, of course, is home for the holidays, and the house is cheery, with evergreen and holly berries, and there's a nice sort of holiday feeling in the air. Bob and Jack spend most of their time playing poker, and Bob tells me Jack loses his "pile" every day without complaining—simply because Bob happens to be his sweetheart's big brother. I think it very mean of Bob to treat my poor Jack this way!

But then it is so jolly to hear Bob's big, hearty voice sounding through the house, and the holiday season is such a light hearted time that one could not be cross with the worst big brother in the world.

The city is bright in holiday attire, and the crowds on the streets seem more genial faced than usual. Every nationality has its representative colony located in some remote corner of this composite metropolis. Swarthy skinned Italian children, chubby faced and bright eyed, swarm up and down even the pretentious Broadway, prattling merrily in their soft southern patois. Merry eyed urchins from the Emerald Isle blarney little yellow haired German girls, for "tout le monde" is inoculated with holiday virus.

As I write behind closed doors I hear the echo of my big brother's strong voice. I can stand it no longer. The incessant din and fragmentary bits of an animated conversation get the better of me, and I must open the door.

"Here's to dull care! Away with her! Bid her discard blue hued raiment, to don a brilliant toga, become joyous, jest merrily with fate and laugh to scorn her synonym, anxiety." This fusillade of words comes from the stair top, where the young scion of the house holds forth, gayly bantering Aunt Hetty, who dares to suggest it's bedtime. Bob hurls precept upon precept from his exalted position on the landing above, insisting that we shall subscribe to what he chooses to dignify by the appellation "a holiday toast." We promise, and our Princeton plague descends to join the family group, catechising us singly in secret as to what a certain somebody will think of the particular present he has sent her. We are discreetly unwise, and nobody knows, for Bob has the habit of buying the most ridiculous things at times.

The opera, I'm told, will deter many music lovers from spending the week out of town, for all the old favorites, including Melba, will appear successively until the curtain is rung down on the year 1898.

Heroism, whether it be patriotic in kind or not, calls for homage, as was clearly demonstrated by the applause Maud Rondez, a survivor of the ill fated Mohegan, received at her debut in "La Traviata." The singer and mother, Mme. Grandin, managed to secure a lifeboat when the steamer sank, but it was overturned in the mad struggle following the calamity. Miss Rondez's vocal training enabled her to use her voice so advantageously that her cries were heard above the uproar, and she was rescued.

I heard a lament some days ago which touched a responsive chord, and I repeat it, thinking opinions publicly expressed are often productive of great good. People in general are too careless of other people's rights. A friend was regretting the loss of a very beautiful powder puff. "Has it been stolen?" I queried. "No; but, Daisy, I simply couldn't stand it! I had to throw it away."

Bewildered? I looked it, whereupon my friend explained:

"Well, I'll tell you. Socially inclined women are in the habit of taking things too much for granted outside the home circle. Women have no more right to use one another's powder puffs than to appropriate their toothbrushes for use, yet every one of the 40 who came to my reception, save one mite of a dainty creature, stalked over to the dressing table, each in turn dabbing face and neck with the selfsame puff—mine. Being somewhat fastidious, I couldn't reconcile myself to the thought of ever using it again. The exception brought forward a silken bag, produced a diminutive powder box and a tuft of swan's down, touched her face lightly and replaced her possessions. I just went over and hugged her, because she was not a woman who put on great lugs in matters of importance, but proved she was duly considerate of trifles. This goes to make the sum total of good breeding."

So far as clothes go opera coats are the "piece de resistance" of the toilet. They are at the zenith of their glory and are marvels in frou frou effects. Mrs. Clarence Mackay, nee Kitty Duer, a descendant of the famous Knickerbocker wit and beauty, Lady Kitty Duer of colonial days, wears one of gold brocade. Billows of lace on an old pink liberty satin foundation line it. Ermine collar and pipings supply the indispensable trace of fur.

Brocaded velvet is again the fashionable material. Although adored by women for centuries, it has been superseded latterly by other fabrics. It has been reinstated under such delightful circumstances that we shall welcome its return with added zest, as Mrs. James Brown Potter presented it prior to her illness to our English sisters in Beerbohm Tree's presentation of "The Three Muskeleers." The step across the pond is not so great, and one may confidently anticipate our grandes dames appearing at the charity ball in voluminous brocade skirts and court trains.

Peasant bonnets are the fancy of opera goers for the moment. They are worn in lieu of the scarf as tress protectors and are decidedly more fetching than the Spanish mantilla arrangement. Sometimes the hoods match in color and texture the long cape, while at others they are in striking contrast. Black or white satin ones lined in a delicate color are destined to become most popular. Peasant bonnets are peculiarly constructed. They are shaped like an old fashioned sunbonnet, minus the curtain, and are cut deep enough to allow a turn back fold of satin. They are finished off at the neck by a ruche or twist of chiffon, terminating in flowing ends, to be tied under the chin. This makes a quaint and picturesque millinery conceit, strikingly becoming and reminding one of the headgear of one's Dutch ancestors of auld lang syne.

I feel I'd be doing the opera subject a distinct injustice should I omit to say a word regarding the expanse of nakedness above and below the bodice, so called by courtesy. The evening bodice has become addicted to the expansion habit. It is abreast of the times. At night it presents a mute apology for appearing at all. Oftentimes it outlines vast territory below the shoulder blades at back and shaped in front with no semblance of sleeve, unless one might graciously term such a blossom or a buckle. A strap of ribbon no wider than a cord or some greenery stems supporting fragile buds draped across the shoulder designate the proper place for the missing link. When we returned from Sembrich's wonderful rendition of Violetta at the Metropolitan, Aunt Hetty held up her hands in holy horror at the sights she saw. "Clothes don't proclaim the man," said she, "but certainly the lack of 'em is exposing the audacity of the modern woman."

While I differed, as a matter of course, and argued against what I vehemently asserted was harsh criticism I'm bound to confess there were revelations. The "diner de luxe" to be served every Sunday evening by an up town caterer will give opportunity for more display. According to the London rule, women will appear in full evening dress to loiter through a table d'hote menu. By this you will see the decollete craze is on.

Sleeves, by the way, are playing no unimportant role on fashion's stage. Since their return to first principles, revealing beauteous curves, they essay the leading part. The flirtatious woman is in her element, for she has studied closely the trick of managing her hands, and the new sleeve is an able ally, enhancing the witchery of swift motions and white hands. All sleeves follow the line of the arm, accentuating its length from wrist to shoulder. There is no fullness anywhere, and one's arm has the appearance of having been molded in the cloth. About the wrist a series of dainty frillings, one of white, the next of delicate rose, another white one and lastly a deeper one of spangled net falling well over the hand is a cameolike setting the beauty of which no woman will be slow to perceive. Trimmed sleeves are a thing of the past. They depend entirely upon perfection of cut for style.

Feminine clubdom has furnished two decided sensations during the last fortnight. The mothers' congress is held responsible for the edict that "Mother Goose" must go. The Society For the Study of Life, an offshoot of the learned congress, which adapts swaddling infants to scientific principles, has undertaken the task of conversion. A theory that children shall be taught morality by systematic truth telling even to the uttermost is advanced. These progressive methods of rearing the offspring have created a "tempest in a teapot," and there are numerous dissenters. Their discussion is beyond me, but the subject might prove interesting food for thought among my constituents, so Daisy, ever accommodating, affords you an opportunity to squabble among yourselves.

The more recent topic and second sensation is based likewise upon that comprehensive, though somewhat indefinite, noun, morality. The Minerva club met to debate upon "whether moral or immoral women have been most influential in making history." A wide range of thought and a latitude of expression were very powerful weapons on the one side, flanked by the example of George Sand, but virtue, dull and doleful, grew resplendent embodied in the person of Octavia, the faithful wife and mother. Morality won by a majority.

The study of political economy has pallied upon us club members, and it is necessary to startle our sluggish brains in order that we may continue to pursue higher educational methods.

Interesting events have so crowded one upon the other that it is most difficult for me to recall which has been of greatest importance. The Colgate-Stratford wedding perhaps claims precedence by reason of its lack of ostentation. The nuptial ceremony was performed in Grace chantry, the wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's sister, and the countess and earl later started off on a three days' trip in the drawing room of an ordinary coach on the regular congressional limited.

"American millions piled up through Colgate's soap formulas will be spent on an impoverished English estate," impertinently hissed a heavy swell, who joined me as we were leaving the church.

"Well," I retorted, "if you are a fitting example of the well bred rich American man, give me the Englishman every time."

Daisy May

New York.

THREE STRIKING HOUSE GOWNS.

When Should a Girl "Come Out?"

Very few people agree as to what is the age when a girl should make her first appearance in society. Some mothers are in the habit of allowing their tiny daughters to go to dances and parties of all sorts at a time when they should be in the nursery or schoolroom, and such girls are always more or less "out" from their cradles, and are proportionately spoiled and precocious.

In society girls are not allowed at any festivity until they have been presented at court, or properly introduced, while among ordinary people who do not aspire to court circles a girl generally "comes out" at some ball or dance sufficiently important to give eclat to the event. The advent into society marks the fact that the girl has reached years of discretion. Her school days are over, and she is old enough to take upon herself the responsibilities of life.

In days gone by 16 or even 15 was not thought too young for a girl's debut, but nowadays mothers have become more sensible. They see and understand of what value the last years or so of school life are to a girl, and do not wish her to marry before her mind and judgment are formed.

Seventeen is the earliest age at which a girl "comes out" nowadays in good society, and 18 is far more general.

Sensible mothers convert the last two years of a girl's school life into something distantly resembling that of a cloistered nun.

That is to say, they cut off all those juvenile festivities to which the little girl used to go, and keep her quite in the background.

There is a double motive in this. It will render her appearance in society all the more striking and attractive, because she has not been in evidence before, and it will enhance all her own pleasure in grown up society, because she has not had the keen edge of it taken off by a premature taste of its joys.

It will above all things preserve a girlish freshness and charm, which are the greatest attractions a girl has to offer, but which seldom outlast any long experience of society and the world.

The Princess of Wales, who is indeed a model mother, kept her girls in the schoolroom until they were 18, and did not even contemplate matrimony in connection with them until they were long past the age when they would be considered on the shelf in continental European countries.

The Prince's Favorite Dogs.

The Prince of Wales has one invariable companion in all his travels. This is the Dandie Dinmont which belonged to the Duke of Clarence and has since then become the prince's favorite among the numerous dogs which he possesses. He feeds it always himself. Other though lesser favorites are Newmarket Tip, a collie; Sam, a clever poodle of many tricks; Little Billy, beloved of the Princess of Wales; the famous Basset hound of prize taking notoriety, and a glorious Lapland sledge dog.

ABOUT RUBIES.

Some Famous Gems That Are Identified With Historical Personages—Superstitions Regarding the Stone.

From time immemorial precious stones have exercised a mysterious fascination over the human mind. In eastern lands they have been worshiped with divine honors. The luring light within them has been deemed the outward sign of the indwelling of a divinity. All over the world men have fought and died for them; women have associated their beauty with the holiest pledges; love and romance have ever surrounded them, and their presence has been held to confer every species of good fortune. Therefore it is that their history and folklore must ever be transcendently attractive.

Foremost among gems stands the ruby. As a strictly popular favorite the diamond is usually given precedence, but experts agree that a perfect ruby is at once rarer and far more valuable than a flawless diamond. The basis of this stone, as of the sapphire and amethyst, is alumina, the mineral earth in its natural state, called also corundum (truly a prosaic origin for so much beauty and one which might furnish the text for a homily). The word "ruby" is derived from the low Latin rubinus, or robinus, which suggests also the etymology of the name "Robin," since it means simply red. The French, German and Italian versions—rubis, rubin, rubino—carry out the same idea, but the Greeks more poetically called the gem "anthrax," signifying live coal or fire, in allusion to the luring light which flames in the very heart of a fine ruby and causes the Hindoo to revere it as the abode of a soul imprisoned for a time ere being admitted to the paradise of Buddha.

Rubies have been found in Siam, in Ceylon, in Brazil and even in Australia, but the best come from the famous mines in Burma, which until the conquest of the king were closed to western enterprise. The Burmese have the curious belief that rubies are originally white, but that they become red as they ripen in the ground. In the days when the products of the mines belonged exclusively to his Burmese majesty of unpleasing memory it was the custom for bags of coarse ruby dust, the refuse from the workings, to be placed under the foundations of all public buildings, in order to propitiate the gods and insure good fortune. The king kept all the finest stones that were found, and it is still believed that his chief treasures are buried in Mandalay.

Besides the oriental or pigeon blood ruby, the most valuable of all, there are several other kinds, including the balas, or rose red, the spinel and the carbuncle. The spinel ruby has a yellow light in the center and can thus be easily distinguished. People speak sometimes of "star rubies," but these do not belong to the same family. They are asterias, or star stones, not true gems, although both pretty and curious. Owing to the internal construction they reflect a six rayed star. The blue and green varieties are spoken of erroneously as star sapphires and star emeralds. It is recorded that Helen of Troy wore one of these stones in a ring and attributed all her conquests to its magic powers.

There are, of course, false rubies on the market to entrap unwary purchasers. Such imitations are made with small stones joined together and may be distinguished, say the experts, by the absence of "silk," the trade term for the characteristic beauty of the genuine stone. One great authority has even gone so far as to tell us that the balas should not be counted a true ruby at all, but this a patriotic Briton would call hypercritical, for is not the historic stone which holds the proud position in front of the crown of England described in the ancient inventory of the regalia as "a very great ballace?"

The story of this gem, though well known, is romantic enough to bear repetition here. It was given by Pedro of Castile to the Black Prince in gratitude for his assistance at the battle of Najera. Edward wore it at Cressy, and it was set in the helmet of Henry V, who bore it through the field of Agincourt. After that its fortunes varied with those of the English sovereigns. It was frequently pawned and at last taken to Holland by the queen of Charles I for the purpose of "raising the wind." Being unredeemed, it subsequently fell into the hands of Peter the Great, when that monarch was enrolled on the list of carpenters in the employ of the East India company at Amsterdam studying the English art of shipbuilding. When he went to England, he took the great ruby, which was still in its rough state and valued at $50,000, in his pocket, wrapped in a piece of brown paper. On arrival at Windsor castle he presented it to William III in return, say some authorities, for the gift of the ship the Royal Transport. William had the stone placed where it now is, in the crown. It is rounded in shape, like a large, ripe cherry, and a hole bored in its center is filled by a smaller ruby.

The great balas is not, of course, the largest ruby known. The Emperor Rudolph II is said to have possessed one as large as a hen's egg, but its color, the criterion of value, was inferior. No one seems to know what has become of the three rubies known as the "Three Brethren" and owned by Charles the Bold, the great duke of Burgundy, but they would seem to have at one time formed part of the British crown jewels, for there is in the British museum a letter from James I to his son, wherein he writes, "I send you for your wearing the Three Brethren." The ring which weds the English sovereign to the country, being placed on the right hand during the coronation ceremonies, is composed of a large "table" or square cut ruby, on which is graven the cross of St. George.

The famous Mazarin rubies eventually became the property of the late Mrs. Ayer of New York. Another American who owns superb stones is Mrs. Bradley Martin, whose parure is valued at $200,000. Among English beauties Mrs. Crawshay has perhaps the best collection of these stones, and the Duchesse de Laynes bears off the palm among French ruby fanciers.

Much has already been written concerning the superstitions connected with this gem. The fortieth anniversary of marriage is called the "ruby wedding," but it is as a porte bonheur for those born in July that the stone is most prized, as it is supposed to preserve them from mistaken friendships, to prevent love troubles, or at least to insure forgetfulness of them, and to betray the presence of poison by turning pale. The birth stone superstition is of Polish origin. Nearly every nation, however, has contributed something to the folklore of the ruby. The Egyptians credited it with the power of dispelling melancholy and quenching thirst in the desert. The Hindoos say that it warns its owner of danger, and that it inspires the lover of a woman who wears it to brave and noble deeds. It has been hailed as the peacemaking stone, for it calms anger and restrains inordinate imagination.

But perhaps the most poetic of all the myths associated with the "king of gems" is the Persian legend of the elixir of life, which an angel brought to Sultan Sulleman. The precious draft was contained in a ruby cup, formed of the sunset rays solidified, and the monarch was bidden to drink it if he would have everlasting youth on earth. He took counsel with the djins, the peris, with men and women, with beasts and birds. All advised him to drink and to become immortal, all save the dove, who, summoned from her nest, paused to ask if the gift of perpetual life extended also to those whom Sulleman loved. "Nay," said the king, "the cup is for me alone." "Then," said the white dove, "better were death than life bereft of love." Sulleman, seeing, as in a vision, the long, dark vista of the barren years, shuddered and dashed the fatal cup to the ground, and the dove flew back to her nest in haste, lest her eggs should grow cold.

MODISH WINTER HATS.

Telephone Girls and Their Dress.

With the provision of new and hygienically constructed telephone stations for Vienna has come a reform in the dress of the girls employed. Experience has shown that the dust clinging to the dresses of the telephone girls when they arrive at work finds its way to the instruments and brings about a disturbance in the telephonic service. To avoid this the girls will now be required to wear a uniform during office hours. On arrival they are to remove their street dresses and put on others provided by the government, made up of stuff similar to that used for dust cloaks. The material is dark in color, and on the sleeves are yellow stripes, in imitation of the national colors. The girls are also compelled to take off their outdoor shoes and substitute for them a slipper-like shoe.

At a prize contest for national music and dances, held in the Norwegian town of Skien, the first prize for dancing was taken by an old gentleman of 80, who went through the Halling dance.

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN.

Ultra swell London women are wearing measles.

The commanding officers who served under Admiral Sampson have presented Mrs. Sampson with a handsome loving cup. It contains miniature representations of the Spanish vessels sunk off Santiago, and the inscription refers to "the war between the United States and Spain, which resulted in the destruction of the Spanish squadron under Admiral Cervera at Santiago."

The Princesses Victoria and Maud are the most enthusiastic cyclists in the British royal family. On one occasion at Sandringham, when they were riding together, an old countryman, scandalized at lady bicyclists and unaware of their identity, lectured them in round terms and finished by calling them "bold hussies," a novel experience for the princesses.

Marriages among the aristocracy in India—that is, the English contingent—seem to be great affairs. Lady Elizabeth Bruce and Mr. Babington Smith had for their marriage a wedding cake made for them by Lord Elgin's chef. It was nine feet high and weighed 700 pounds.

Speaking of Bismarck, the late empress of Austria once said: "He could not bear women, with the single exception of his wife. He disliked queens. The first time I saw him he was exceedingly stiff. He would have liked to say, 'The ladies had better remain in their apartments.' I think all his hatred of England is on account of the queen. The poor Empress Frederick has also had to suffer.

The Swedish bride fills her pockets with bread, which she dispenses to every one she meets on her way to church, every piece she disposes of averting, as she believes, a misfortune.

Miss Lucy Withers, a pretty schoolteacher of Golden, Kan., made a wager with Harold Owens, a young ranchman, of a thousand kisses against $1,000 worth of live stock that Jerry Simpson would be returned to congress. Mr. Owens is going to receive his kisses at the rate of 20 a week. This will finish up the payment in time to make a new wager on the presidential election.

At the Russian court there are two innovations latterly—the use of the English language as much as or even more than the French and the permission accorded to any gentleman of good social position to ask any lady of rank—with the one exception of the czarina—to dance with him.

THE WORLD'S GOLD

The United States Has Large Share.

AN ALMOST SENSATIONAL EXHIBIT.

Our Commercial Status Tremendously Advancing.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The United States is acquiring 75 percent of the entire world's production of gold. During the last 30 months, or since the first of July, 1896, the total stock of gold in actual circulation in the United States, according to the estimates of the director of the mint, has increased $383,090,000, making a total of approximately $950,000,000. Director Roberts estimates the stock of gold at the beginning of the present month at $925,000,000. Imports and additions from American and Canadian mines, including the Klondike, will increase the total to $950,000,000 by the end of the calendar year, as against $567,475,600 on July 1, 1896, an increase of 68 percent in 2½ years. On Jan. 1 of the present year the total gold stock in this country was $745,245,020. It will be seen therefore that the gain during the 12 months will be close to $200,000,000, which is within about $20,000,000 of the world's output for the calendar year 1897. The production for 1898 will be $30,000,000 or $4,000,000 greater than that of the preceding year, according to the estimates of experts. From Jan. 1, 1893, down to Nov. 30 last, our excess of imports of gold over exports was $134,411,000. The December record will increase this total to about $145,000,000. But for the fact that our European customers have taken to asking longer credits of American exporters and in many cases actually borrowing money in order to stave off the payment of trade balances, the volume of gold from the other side would have been much larger.

The foregoing exhibit may properly be considered as almost sensational. It demonstrates that this country is changing from a position of a debtor nation to that of a creditor nation. It indicates that the United States is to become in the 20th century what England has been in the 19th—the chief commercial, manufacturing and trading nation of the world, with the world's clearing house situated on the western shores of the Atlantic instead of on the eastern.

While our stock of gold has increased at this unparalleled rate in the past 30 months silver has been no laggard in the race. The store of white metal in this country has increased since July 1, 1896, from $505,761,000 to $638,200,000, a gain of $131,439,000. Much of the silver now produced in the United States finds a market in London and China.

Incidentally it may be stated that the per capita circulation of the United States is greater than it has ever been in the history of the country. On Dec. 1 last it was $25.03. The total amount in circulation was $1,835,870,060. The population of the country was estimated by the treasurer at 75,194,000. The circulation has increased $165,000,000 since Jan. 1 last. The statement that will be given out by the treasury department on the first of the coming month will show a still further increase in the circulation both total and per capita.

MEDICINE TAXATION.

Washington, Dec. 24.—An important opinion, approved by the attorney general, was sent to the secretary of the treasury yesterday, construing section 20 of the war revenue act, relative to taxes under schedule B, on medicinal articles and preparations. The opinion holds that the subjects of taxation under the said section and schedule are confined to such compounded, patent, trade mark and proprietary medicines as are put up in packages ready for use by the consumer without the intervention of a physician or pharmacist. On the other hand, it is held that the law does not tax medicinal preparations which are compounded or which, if compounded, are put up under medical or pharmaceutical names for classification for the use of physicians in practice or druggists or pharmacists in their trade. This decision is of general importance to the medicine and drug business throughout the country, and has the effect of relieving from stamp tax many standard medicines such as the serums and many others.

WILL PREVENT BOODLING.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The war department authorizes the following: "The following order has been sent by the secretary of war to the commanding officers in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines: Until otherwise ordered, no grant or concessions of public or corporate rights or franchises for the construction of public or quasi-public works, such as railroads, tramways, telegraph and telephone lines, etc., shall be made by any municipal or other local governmental authority or body in Cuba, Porto Rico or the Philippines, except upon the approval of the major general commanding the forces of the United States in Cuba, Porto Rico or the Philippines, who shall, before approving any such grant or concession, be specially authorized by the secretary of war."

NEW COUNTERFEIT OUT.

Washington, Dec. 24.—A new counterfeit $1 silver certificate has been discovered. It is of the series of 1896, Bruce register; Roberts treasurer, and apparently printed from photo-etched plates on heavy bond paper. No attempt has been made to imitate the silk fibre, and the treasury number has been traced with blue writing fluid, which blurs when dampened, as does the red coloring applied to the seal. The execution is poor and the work would deceive only the most careless handlers.

ORDERED TO JOIN DEWEY.

Washington, Dec. 24.—An order issued by the secretary of the navy directs the distilling ship Iris, now accompanying the battleships Oregon and Iowa on their trip around the horn, to leave Callao, Peru, on her arrival there this week, and make a course across the Pacific to Manila, where her services are required by the ships of Admiral Dewey's fleet.

NURSES FOR CUBA.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The surgeon general's office sent six female trained nurses to Cuba from New York today. They are destined for the division hospital at Puerto Principe. Fifty other female nurses were started for Cuba Dec. 16, and it is intended to place 100 altogether with the division hospitals of the Seventh corps.

AN EYE ON THE SIOUX.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The war department has taken steps to strengthen the military forces in the Sioux Indian country, South Dakota. This is merely precautionary, as the officials deem it advisable to be prepared for any possible contingency which may arise.

WASHINGTON BRIEFS.

Secretary Hay has resumed his duties at the state department, although still suffering from the effects of the grip.

Adjutant General Corbin has gone to New York to spend Christmas. He expects to return next Tuesday.

The navy department sent out a general order to all of the nine naval stations that the strictest economy is to be exercised in all expenditures of public money by the department's officers.

The postmaster general announces the establishment of seven additional postal stations in Cuba, as follows: Pinar del Rio, Guanajay, Mariel, Trinidad, Las Tunas, Sancti Spiritus and Cardenas.

There will be no proceedings on the part of the navy department against Chief Engineer Robinson, the chief of the engineering department at the League island navy yard, and he has been detached and sent home on waiting orders.

AN UNFORTUNATE WOMAN.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 24.—Annie O'Neil mysteriously disappeared from the Cambridge hospital last evening, barefooted, and clad only in her nightdress, and the police have failed to discover her whereabouts. She was arrested Thursday, charged with stealing from a Cambridge family by whom she was employed, and while at the police station was taken violently ill. A physician discovered that she was in a delicate condition, and ordered her removal to the hospital. About 6 o'clock last night, during the temporary absence of her attendant, the woman made her escape through a window. It is feared that her mind became unbalanced, and that she has done herself harm.

TAR AND FEATHERS ADVOCATED.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—An attempt has been made to arouse the people of this city to violence as a result of the acquittal of Walter Rosser, the Tennessee soldier who killed Henry Hildebrand. Flaming posters have been conspicuously displayed on bill boards advocating tar and feathers for the 12 jurors who acquitted Rosser. Chief of Police Lees says that he will make an effort to have Rosser indicted for the attempted murder of Willie Lynch, whom he fired at when he killed Hildebrand.

ANOTHER DROP IN SUGAR.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—The western headquarters of Arbuckle Bros. yesterday announced another cut in the price of refined sugar. Quotations of 5.14 cents per pound were made to retail dealers direct, jobbers being ignored. This is about 3-16th of a cent below the American Sugar Refining company's price. The reduction in prices made by the Arbuckles has not been met by the trust.

WEALTH TO BE INCREASED.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Thomas H. Watson and his wife, who was Miss Emma Spreckels, daughter of the sugar king, are completing arrangements for an extended tour of the world. Mr. Watson has also in view the acquisition of property valued at £9,000,000. He has in his possession papers which, he claims, shows him to be entitled to about one half of the town of Carlisle, Eng.

ENFORCED THE LAW.

Cumberland, Md., Dec. 24.—John W. Bowling, colored, and Martha Craven, the white woman he married, were each sentenced by Judge Boyd yesterday to 18 months in the penitentiary, the minimum penalty for miscegenation. The judge, in passing sentence, said it was the first prosecution of the kind in Maryland.

HOBSON IN 'FRISCO.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Lieutenant R. P. Hobson arrived here last night and was given a public reception at the Palace hotel. The great courtyard of the building was crowded and hundreds of people were unable to gain admission. After the reception Lieutenant Hobson was the guest of the Friday Night club.

FOUR CARS SMASHED.

Portland, Me., Dec. 24.—The Grand Trunk express was three hours late in arriving in Portland last night, owing to an accident which occurred near Coaticook, P. Q., in the morning. A west-bound freight train broke apart and the two sections collided. Four cars were smashed, but no one was hurt.

EMPLOYES SHARE IN PROFITS.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 24.—The Bourne mills yesterday paid its 19th semi-annual dividend to employes, under the profit-sharing system. The dividend is 3 percent, from June 13 to Dec. 10, and it realized from $6 to $10 for each operative. The last dividend was 2 percent.

CONFESSED GUILT.

Pawtucket, R. I., Dec. 24.—Louis Berard, aged 18 years, was arrested yesterday on the charge of committing a felonious assault upon Jessie H. Burchell on Nov. 18 in Lonsdale. He confessed to the officers.

BELONGED IN CONNECTICUT.

New York, Dec. 24.—The body of a man who hung himself yesterday morning on a fence at Twelfth avenue and Fifty-sixth street has been identified as that of Paul Thomas, 45 years old, a furrier of South Norwalk, Conn.

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For Hoisting Our Flag in Havana.

CORDIAL EXCHANGE OF CIVILITIES.

Privileges for the Spanish Troops in Cuba.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Havana, Dec. 24.—At the joint meeting of the United States and Spanish military commissioners yesterday, the program was finally agreed upon for the change of flags on Jan. 1 at noon. Just before 12 o'clock the American war vessels will fire a salute of 21 guns in honor of the Spanish flag. Promptly at 12 the Spanish flags on the various public buildings will be lowered; and immediately thereafter the Stars and Stripes will be hoisted over El Morro and the public buildings of the city, while Spanish artillerists at Cabanas fortress will salute the American flag with 21 guns, Spanish warships in the harbor participating in the salute. At the same hour the Spanish troops, if any remain in the city, will be paraded in barracks and will render proper salutes to the American forces passing.

Just before noon the United States and Spanish military commissioners, General Jiminez Castellanos, the Spanish captain general, and the ranking American officer in Cuba—Major General John R. Brooke, if he arrives in time, and otherwise Major General Lee—will assemble at the palace. The Spanish commissioners will then formally surrender the government to the United States commissioners, who will immediately transfer it to the American general commanding. After this the various functionaries will remain a while to receive those who may wish to pay their respects, or incoming authorities.

It was agreed at the joint meeting that the Spanish troops remaining in Cuba after Jan. 1 should be considered in the light of foreign troops in a friendly country, and be accorded the privileges usually granted under international law. The quarters, buildings and grounds occupied by them are to be covered by the immunities of extra territoriality; and further stipulations were entered into respecting the prevention of any disturbance of public order consequent upon their presence.

Matanzas and Cienfuegos will doubtless be the only places where Spanish troops will remain after Jan 1, and Cienfuegos will be evacuated last. The Spanish sick in the hospitals will remain under the safeguard of the American flag, the Spanish authorities providing medicines and attendance, with food, and repatriating them on recovery.

Generals Wade, Butler and Clous, accompanied by their aides-de-camp, were received at the palace yesterday with full military honors. The Spanish trumpeters blew a fanfare and the palace guards saluted. The same ceremony marked the retirement of the American officers.

The Eighth and Tenth regular infantry regiments occupied the forts at El Vedado yesterday, but there are no American flags in sight.

The Spanish transport Alfonso XIII left today for Cadiz with 1100 officers and men, and the Hapsburg for Barcelona with 1700. The transport Porto Rico will sail tomorrow for Vigo, Spain, with 1200 officers and men.

PORTO RICAN EVENTS.

San Juan, Dec. 24.—During the last week the most important occurrence in San Juan has been the departure of General R. Brooke and the installation of General Guy V. Henry as military governor of Porto Rico. Upon assuming the duties of governor general, General Henry has expressed what his future policy with regard to the administration of public affairs will be, and this new policy (the government policy of Americanizing the insular institutions) has been outlined in two letters addressed to the president and members of the insular cabinet. These letters have been made public; but, until they are translated and published in Spanish in the various island papers, we will not hear how the new policy is received by the people at large.

CUBAN GRATITUDE.

Santiago, Dec. 24.—Senor Bacardi, mayor of Santiago, accompanied by the city council, visited General Wood yesterday and presented him with an old Spanish medal of honor, of embossed gold, with a chain, and a parchment scroll containing the words, "To make one's self beloved of the people in difficult moments is the best of victories." The deputation requested General Wood to forward a similar medal to President McKinley, with a scroll containing the declaration: "A people never forgets its benefactors."

ASSAULTED A WOMAN.

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 24.—Walter McNally was arrested here yesterday for assaulting a woman named Catherine Warringer, with whom he was living. He is a brother of Jimmy McNally, the green goods king. The woman was only slightly injured.

EIGHT MEN LOST.

New Haven, Dec. 24.—Underwriters have given up as lost the three-masted schooner Howard H. Hanscomb, formerly hailing from this port. It is believed that the vessel foundered in the November blizzard, and that the eight members of her crew were lost. She was bound from Philadelphia for Providence.

WILLING TO ARBITRATE.

Montreal, Dec. 24.—General Manager Hays of the Grand Trunk railway suggested that the complaint of the operators be submitted to arbitration. The operators have accepted the suggestion of arbitration, and have sent Hays a message to that effect.

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WANTED—Good health. The blooming idiot died last fall, wouldn't drink Gloria, that is all. S. Bartlett, 142 Middlesex St., sells Gloria.

LADIES WANTED To attend the Lowell Dress Cutting Schools, opened day and evening. First evening free at 65 Merrimack street, room 16, opposite Dickson Bros.' tea store. Nesmith's Block and 376 Central street, near Opera House. First class dress makers and milliners will be employed for teaching. M. J. Greaves, Principal. Hours from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m.

LADIES To make sample patches at home; $6 to $10 weekly; no canvassing; reply envelope for particulars and sample. Foster Machine Co., 505 West 40th St., New York.

WANTED—500 young and old men to bring their old clothes to Fred P. Lew's Dye House and Clothes Cleaning establishment at 47 Merrimack street, where he can make your old suit as good as new for a small sum.

WANT BLUSH OF YOUTH, soft, delicate skin? Use Noonan's Roman Bloom. At all drug stores. A. W. Dow, A. E. Moor, agent for Lowell, corner of Gorham and Appleton streets.

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FOUND—Gentleman's seal glove. Owner can have by calling at 30 Lyons street and paying for this advertisement.

FOUND—Lady's gold chain on Palmer street. Owner can have same by calling at this office, proving property and paying advertisement.

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TENEMENT TO LET of 6 rooms, with bath, hot and cold water, rent $11 per month, at 15 Westford street. Apply on premises.

TO LET—A good tenement for $4.50; also 5 good rooms, fine condition for $6.50. Save money by reducing rent. T. H. Elliott, 61 Central st.

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TO LET—Two square rooms. Inquire at 718 Merrimack street, corner Austin.

TO LET—Blacksmith shop. Inquire Connors Bros., Thorndike street.

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Every set warranted to be the same teeth that other dentists ask $15 and $15 for, and every set warranted to fit. Gold Filling and Gold Crown work a specialty. Teeth filled with Gold by Electricity. No pain. Teeth Extracted Without Pain by our new method. Thirty years' experience. Artificial teeth without plates, also Rockbase Plates. Teeth extracted and replaced the same day as extracted, no need of going without. No Sunday work. Office hours: 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. Not open evenings. DR. J. K. BICKELL & SON, Painless Dentists, Rooms 24, 25, 31, Huntoon Bld'g, cor. Mer'k & Bridge

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The season is now at its height. The styles have reached their full development. The ripened fruit of our best millinery efforts is now laid before you in assortments that any store may justly be proud of, and at prices that are shorn of all fancy profits. We can satisfy your every possible want, for there is practically nothing really desirable in millinery that you will not find on our counters.
For this week we offer some values that fairly sparkle with attractiveness.

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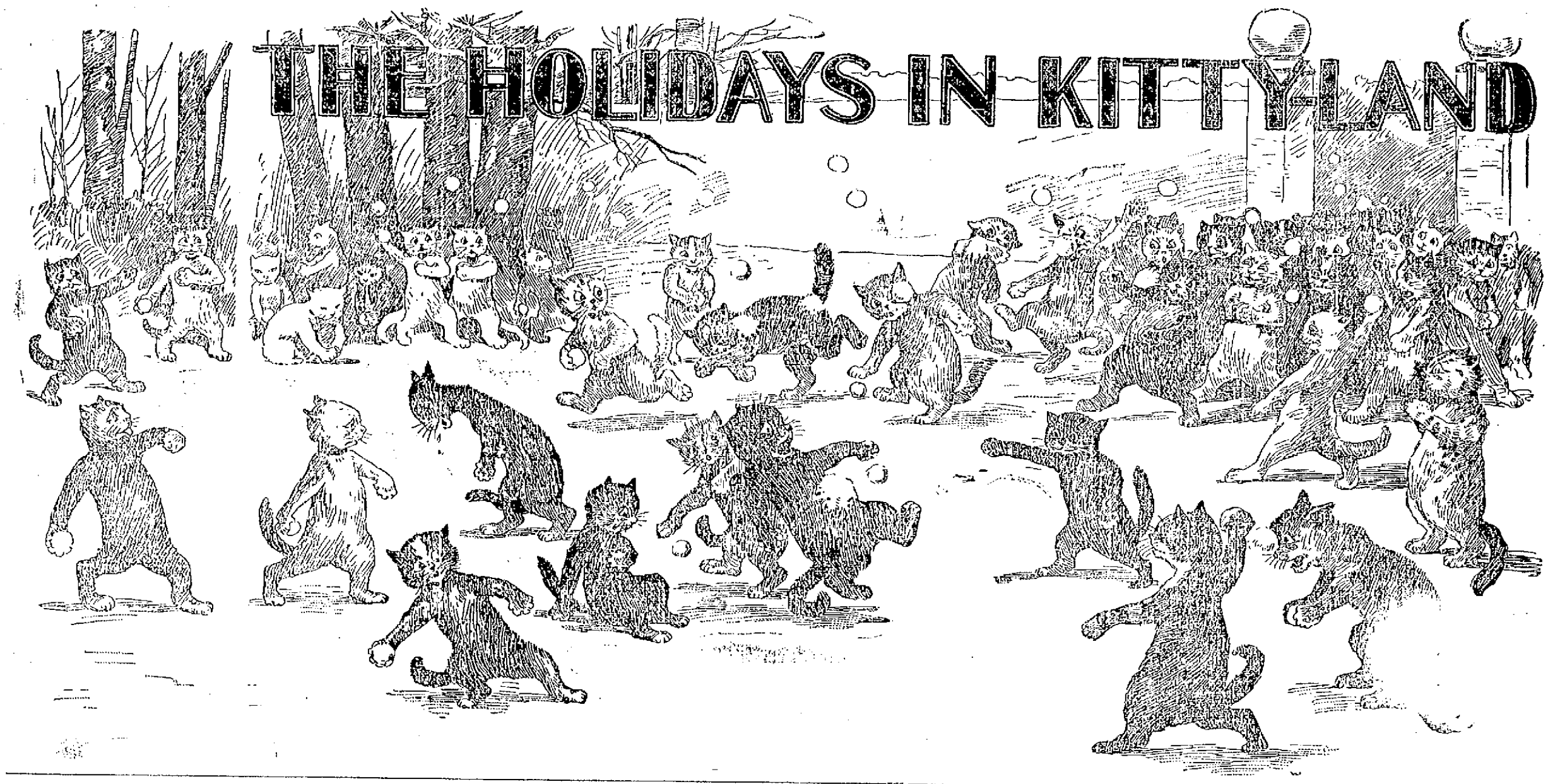
BAGS, TRUNKS, DRESS SUIT CASES
In fact everything the well equipped traveler requires, at special "OPENING" prices. Our Middlesex street store is not abandoned. In both stores a full and complete line of latest style leather goods.

THE HOLIDAYS IN KITTYLAND



DECIDEDLY ENGLISH, YOU KNOW.

"If I were to tell you, Miss Wynne, that I was suffering from an intense desire, which could only be alleviated by a closer proximity to those ruby lips, what would you say?"

"I should say—Oh, curate!"

NO CHANCE FOR GLORY.

O'Toole—Shure an it's little use to foight wid a nayghur! Two black eyes hov Oi given this wan an divil a bit does he show it!—New York Evening Journal.

A Sorry Combination.

With something like abject despair
A woman's heart is filled
Whenever on her tea gown rare
A drop of coffee's spilled.

Miss Molly.

Miss Molly went ter meetin—
De sweeles' gal in town.
De preacher stop his preachin,
De mo'ners all look round

Oh, Miss Molly,
Heah's de flues' pew;
De angels all a-peepin
En smilin down at you!

Miss Molly went ter meetin—
De organ start ter play
Des like it wuz a-sayin,
"I glad you come dis way!"

Oh, Miss Molly,
Heah's de flues' pew;
De angels all a-peepin
En smilin down at you!
—Atlanta Constitution.

Delicate Hearing.

Pat—Me horse has got the most dilicate ainse of hearin in the world. Why, he can hear the command to stop even before I git the word out of me mouth!—London Judy.

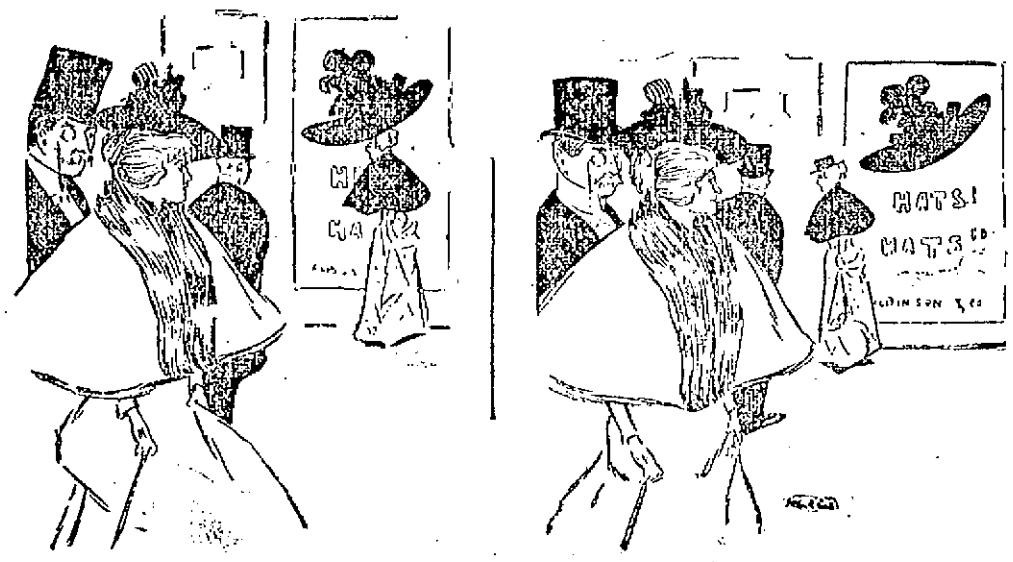
Working Class Cats.

"Those new neighbors must be very ordinary people."

"Why?"

"Their cats catch mice."—Chicago Record.

AN UP TO DATE ILLUSION.



"Good gracious! Look over there at that girl's hat!"

"Surely the limit has at last been reached!"

Narrow Escape.

If all the world should love us,
How full were sorrow's cup!
The cash we'd spend at Christmas
Would simply break us up.
—Chicago Record.

More Information.

Bobby—Popper, what does "pot valiant" mean?

Mr. Ferry—The fellow who stays all through on a bob flush is one of 'em.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Violet scent suits many people.
New mown hay some folk admire.
Give me, as a winter perfume,
Apples roasting by the fire.

Polk Miller Is In Town.

Polk Miller, with his banjo—
He knocks the numbers down,
And the happy folks are singing,
"Polk Miller is in town!"

He comes from old Virginny—
A smile gives for a frown;
It's glory, hallelujah!
Polk Miller is in town!
—Atlanta Constitution.

It's a Misfit.

The reason table etiquette
A starving boy provokes
Is 'cause it wasn't made, you bet,
By very hungry folks.
—L. A. W. Bulletin.

Which?

In trying to decide if "wound"
Is most correctly rhymed with "swooned"
Or else with words like "found" and "sound"
The poet's head goes round and round.
—New York Evening Journal.

Our Deference For Age.

"Mark Twain says that humorous lecturing isn't becoming to one of his years."

"Perhaps he thinks we wouldn't have the heart to laugh at his gray hairs."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

NOT HER FAULT.

Mistress: "Bridget, I can't have my kitchen crowded with your company all the time."

Bridget: "Sure and it's yer own fault, mum! Yez should have engaged a plainer person than meself."

With His Uncle.

Bill—Have you got a watch?
Jill—Certainly.
"Is it going?"
"Not with me."—Exchange.

Aristocracy of Dolldom.

"My doll can shut her eyes and go to sleep just lovely."

"Huh! My doll never goes to sleep at all. She's got insomnier."—Chicago Record.

Internal Uprisings.

My trip across the sea would bring
Sweet thoughts that I might treasure
Had it not been that many a thing
Came up to mar my pleasure.
—L. A. W. Bulletin.

Good Talker.

Bill—Is your wife much of a conversationalist?

Jill—Is she? Why, that woman can't yawn without opening her mouth about it!—Yonkers Statesman.

His Poor Argument.

"Your money is nothing at all to me!"

The lover impatiently cried.

"Then get out; you haven't a business head!"

Her rich old father replied.

PUNISHMENT ENOUGH.

Julia Shea—Phwat pinance did Father McCarthy give yez phwin yez towld him yez kissed me?

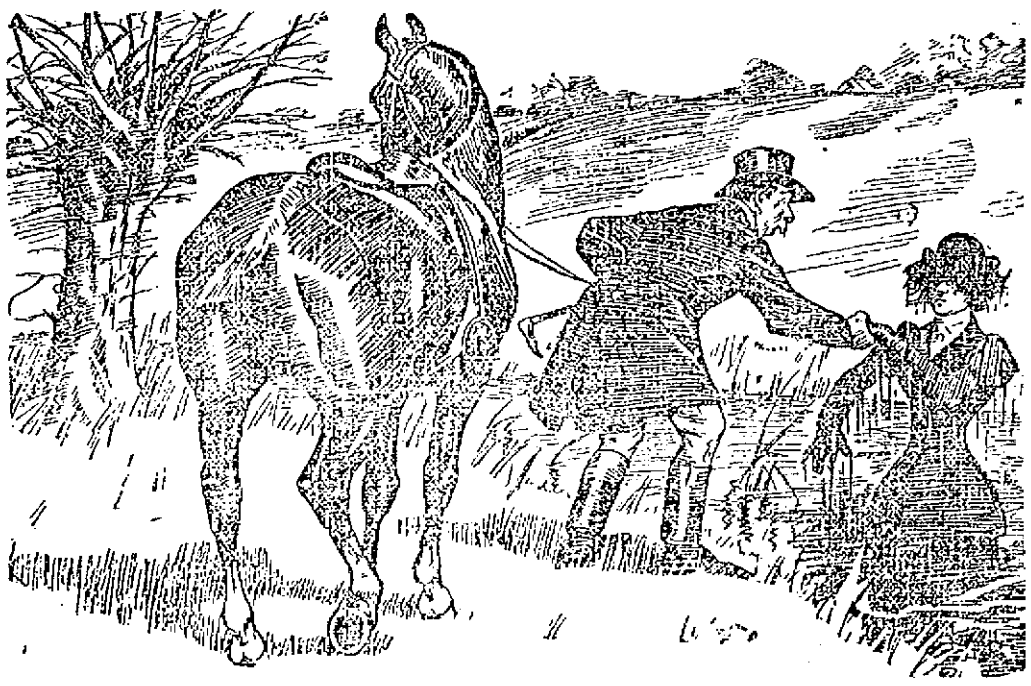
Mike Ryan—Divil th' bit. He sed Oi had done me pinance at th' toime!—Up to Date.

An Object of Pursuit.

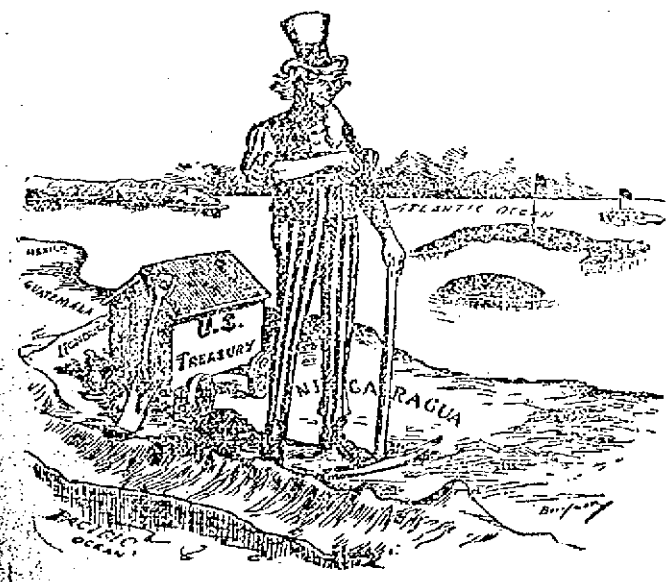
"It is money that makes a man important."

"I don't know; it seems to me I'm of more importance when I haven't any money."—Chicago Record.

A MIGHTY TIMELY QUOTATION.

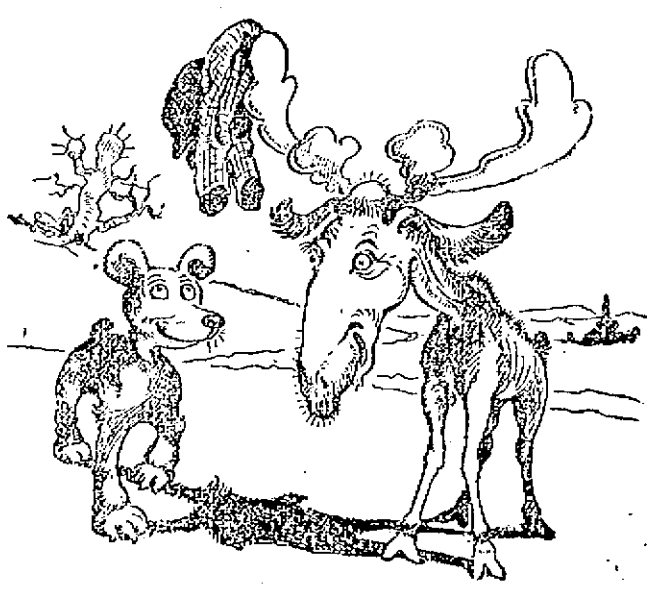


Brown (helping lady out of water): "'Pon my word, Miss Smith, you remind me exactly of what's her name rising from the what you call it!"



Your Uncle Sam has successfully tackled bigger undertakings than this

WANTED—AN OWNER.



"Say, Bruin, if you happen to see a scared looking hunter about just tell him to come back and get his trousers!"

LEO AND THE WAR

His Holiness Opposed to Extermination.

A RAP AT THE ITALIAN REGIME.

He Claims Further Rigors Threaten the Clergy.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Rome, Dec. 24.—The pope, at the reception of the Christmas greetings of the cardinals and other prelates, yesterday, appeared to be in excellent health. Replying to their congratulations, he referred to the "sinister events of 1898," and said it was high time the governments of Europe unite to stop "unheard of outrages and savage exterminations." But, the pontiff added, this could not be expected "until the fear of God, the basis of all morality, is revived in the conscience of the people and becomes the guiding principle of the organization of states."

In regard to the present position of the church in Italy the pope pointed out that the symptoms were not reassuring for the new year. He added that the conditions imposed upon the head of the church, in violation of his dignity and rights, "were not enough, for now it was sought to cast odium upon the press which openly espoused the defense of his interests and the interests of religion and morality."

Continuing, the pontiff remarked: "Further rigors threaten the clergy, although they are the class furthest removed from seditious designs. The obedience of the clergy to the apostolic see, whose rights they defended and whose intentions they seconded, is now being construed as a political offense. Nevertheless, imbued with the sense of their high mission and duty, the clergy will not yield either to flatteries or menaces, and their firmness is finding response in numerous laymen, deeply imbued with love for the papacy. It is thus, by the co-operation of the clergy and laity, that the salvation of coming generations is assured."

THE CLAYTON-BULWER TREATY.

London, Dec. 24.—The question of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty is freely discussed in this morning's papers. The Daily News and Daily Chronicle publish editorials asserting that Lord Salisbury ought to get some concession in return for consenting to abrogation. The Daily Chronicle points out that the canal would make the United States a great naval power in the far east, increase American naval strength in the Atlantic and alter to England's disadvantage the carrying trade to the far east.

A GERMAN TRICK.

London, Dec. 24.—The Washington government, according to a dispatch from Auckland, has instructed the United States consul to Samoa to act with greater vigilance and not to entrust his duties to his British and German colleagues. It appears the German agent has taken advantage of his colleagues' confidence to land guns and munitions of war without their knowledge, and also to obtain important advantages for German firms.

A QUESTION OF DOUBT.

Berlin, Dec. 24.—At the annual convention of the Conservative party in East Prussia yesterday, Count Klinkowstroen, referring to the meat inspection law, said that when Dr. Von Holleben, German ambassador for the United States, was asked how the United States would receive the bill, he replied that the Americans were "very sensitive with regard to petty vexations," but that, if a strong law were adopted, they would "quietly yield."

WILL LEAVE GERMANY.

Berlin, Dec. 25.—Frank Knaak of New York city, who was recently tried by the provincial court on the charge of lese majeste, in referring to Emperor William as a "sheepshead," and who was acquitted on the ground that he was intoxicated when he committed the offense, will leave for the United States next week.

SAGASTA SERIOUSLY SICK.

Madrid, Dec. 24.—The condition of Senor Sagasta, the premier, now causes grave anxiety. Six physicians were in consultation yesterday afternoon regarding his condition and concurred that he is suffering from bronchial pneumonia, with high temperature and an unfavorable absence of expectoration. The newspapers express great anxiety.

AMERICAN BID ACCEPTED.

London, Dec. 24.—The government of Victoria, according to a special dispatch from Melbourne, has accepted the tender of the Pennsylvania and Maryland Steel company for 35,000 tons of steel rails at £15,000 sterling below the English tender.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

The French chamber of deputies adopted a bill imposing a stamp duty of 1 percent on foreign securities.

Tom Broderick and Charlie McKeever fought a rattling six-round bout at Philadelphia. McKeever had the better of the fight.

The widow and daughter of General Calixto Garcia have been left in poverty and Cuban patriotic societies are contributing to their relief.

Mrs. George Bryan, residing in Thornton, Mass., committed suicide by shooting. Despondency, on account of ill health, is supposed to have prompted the act.

The residence of City Clerk Crawford of Pawtucket, R. I., was entered by unknown parties and property to the value of $100 taken.

Captain Henry D. Barry, assistant director, naval intelligence department, British admiralty, has been appointed to the command of the British squadron in Newfoundland waters, the appointment to go into effect next season.

CASTORIA.

Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

NEVER EQUALLED.

Present Month's Business Memorable In Country's History.

New York, Dec. 24.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: It is a year beyond parallel, and goes to its close with the biggest volume of business ever seen. Enormous transactions at the Stock Exchange make some difference, as do heavy railroad earnings, but when all the transporting and speculative interests are eliminated there is still a much larger business than in any other month of any year. Last year the exports were in volume greater than in any previous month in the history of the country, but this year the three weeks' report shows an increase of 25 percent against 9 percent in imports, which would indicate much more than $70,000,000 excess of exports this month. Until now no greater volume of business has ever been done in the history of this country than in the closing month of this year.

Little need be said of the stock market, which has been so strong this week and for weeks before that none could lose except the sellers.

Shipments of wheat have been 4,255,704 bushels, flour included, at Atlantic ports, against 3,658,321 last year, although western receipts for three weeks have been 25,058,581 bushels, against 10,203,920 last year. Corn exports also have been 3,821,530 bushels, against 4,540,613 last year, and for the month thus far 11,012,188, against 10,867,407 last year. The price has advanced about 2¾ cents, but the continued foreign demand is astonishing.

If the cotton manufacture takes a leading place this year it is not merely because raw cotton is an eighth lower than a year ago, nor because prospects for buyers are thought good. The manufacture has been much expanded by increased demands, so that prices of nearly all the goods quoted in our report have advanced more or less, and there is a feeling that with unreasonable accumulation of print cloths out of the way, there is a brighter prospect for all goods.

Sales of wool have been large, with small as well as large manufacturers buying freely, which indicates a general improvement in the demand for goods, although not enough as yet to lift prices.

The shipments of boots and shoes from the east have been smaller than in December of last year to date, and yet larger than in any other year, exceeding those of 1892 by 14,603 cases.

The story of iron is like a dream. Eastern sales are so numerous and so large as to raise the price 25 cents. There is an enormous demand for finished products. All this business is done with full belief that the next year's demand will be greater than ever before, and it is creditable that so little advance in prices of finished products has been made. The range of prices is nearly 20 percent lower than in 1892, indicating an astonishing increase in the quantity of products exchanged.

How Europe will be able to pay more than $75,000,000 due on merchandise account for the month of December, besides the enormous balances due for November and previous months, is a question which the country can afford to consider at its leisure and with comfort.

Failures for the month thus far have been in amount $9,172,683, manufacturing $3,672,709, and trading $5,016,698. Failures for the week have been 258, against 292 in the United States last year, and 31 in Canada, against 33 last year.

NOT A PRIZE OF WAR.

Charleston, Dec. 24.—In the United States district court here yesterday, Judge Brawley handed down a decision discharging the Olindo Rodriguez, the French steamship made a prize of war by the cruiser New Orleans on July 17. The ship belonged to the Trans-Atlantic line. Judge Brawley released the ship on the ground that the blockade of San Juan was not effective on July 5, in the sense in which the term is accepted by nations.

SHUTDOWN AT AVON.

Avon, Mass., Dec. 24.—The shoe workers in L. G. Littlefield's factory have been given a surprise. The various departments began to finish up work on Wednesday, and last night the bottoming department got through. Many of the men have been told to take away their kits, which is equivalent to a discharge. The reason given is that the factory will shut down for the usual stock taking. The date of reopening the factory is not known.

STRING OF DENIALS.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Cordelia Botkin was on the witness stand in her own defense yesterday. She emphatically denied that she wrote anonymous letters sent Mrs. Dunning, or that she mailed the candy which caused the death of Mrs. Dunning and Mrs. Dean. She denied that she purchased the handkerchief sent Mrs. Dunning's little daughter, or that she purchased any candy at Haas' store, from which the candy came.

WELCOME TIDINGS.

Rockland, Me., Dec. 24.—News was received here yesterday of the safety of the schooner Yankee Maid, which had not been heard from for 13 days, and which, it was feared, had been lost. A letter was received from the captain, who says that he is at Anderson's cove, N. F., where he has been loading frozen herring. As he was 100 miles from a postoffice he was unable to communicate with relatives here until this week.

WHAT WAS ALREADY KNOWN.

Boston, Dec. 24.—Trial Justice Merrill of Peabody has filed his finding on the death of Mary Louise Hurley of that town, killed on Dec. 1. After reciting briefly the facts, the justice finds that Mary Louise Hurley came to her death in consequence of an assault made upon her by her mother.

PUBLIC ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE.

New York, Dec. 24.—Frank Haspkins, a machinist, made a desperate attempt to commit suicide last night by flinging himself in front of a Third avenue cable car at the corner of Ninth street. The car was stopped before he was seriously injured, but he may lose one of his feet as the result of his action. Haspkins is 32 years old, and says his home is in Providence.

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STEAMERS CLASH

Killing One Man and Wounding Many.

RYAN KNOCKED OUT DICK O'BRIEN.

B. D. O'Connell's Petition for Freedom Refused.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

New York, Dec. 24.—The Wilson line steamer Idaho, which arrived Thursday from Hull, Eng., with her bows damaged by striking an unknown obstruction and her forepeak full of water, met with further misfortune in the upper bay yesterday by collision, in which one of her crew was killed and a second fatally injured. The Idaho came to anchor off Liberty Island, and was instructed to dock at pier No. 2, Wilson's stores. As she was getting under way and swung into the channel, she was struck a glancing blow on the starboard bow by the steamship Flowergate, outward bound on her way to Philadelphia.

Four plates of the Idaho's bow were crushed in, one of them being pushed entirely into the forecastle, where William Smith and John Burch, firemen, were sleeping. The plate crushed Smith against the side of his berth, nearly decapitating him, and killing him instantly. It also caught Burch in the lower berth, breaking his collar bone and so badly injuring him internally that he will die. The Flowergate was not injured. The Idaho proceeded to her dock in Brooklyn.

'TWAS RYAN'S FIGHT.

Hartford, Dec. 24.—Tommy Ryan of Syracuse proved too much for Dick O'Brien of Boston at the Coliseum last night. The police interfered in the 14th round and saved O'Brien from an actual knockout, but so far as practical purposes were concerned he was out. Ryan had floored him a few seconds before with a right hand swing on the jaw, and Dick got on his feet again just as Referee Roche counted seven. The fight had been all knocked out of him. He was helpless, and Ryan again floored him with a vicious right hand swing. Dick came to time once more, only to fall a victim to a hard uppercut. Then Chief of Police Bill jumped into the ring and stopped the bout, Roche awarding the fight to Ryan. The action of the police was generally approved as preventing unnecessary brutality. It was Ryan's fight all the way through.

NO HABEAS CORPUS.

Boston, Dec. 24.—In the United States district court yesterday Judge Lowell dismissed the petition brought by Bernard D. O'Connel of Lowell for the writ of habeas corpus for release from the East Cambridge house of correction. O'Connel is serving out a sentence imposed in January last by the state superior court, imprisoning him one year and fining him $500 for being concerned in the bribery of city officials of Lowell. He has served out the year's imprisonment. As on Dec. 12 last he received a discharge in bankruptcy, he claimed this relieved him from payment of the fine, on the ground that the fine was a debt provable against his estate in bankruptcy.

EDITOR SENT TO JAIL.

Boston, Dec. 24.—In the Norfolk county superior court yesterday Torrey E. Wardner, the editor of the Boston Traveler, was sentenced to serve 30 days in Dedham jail by Judge Sherman for contempt of court in allowing to be published in his paper comments and editorials on the Getchell manslaughter case. These statements, in the court's opinion, would have influenced the minds of the jury, had the newspaper containing the matter reached the courthouse before the case was submitted for final consideration. Mr. Wardner intends to make a test case of the matter and fight it to the end. He is not disposed to find any fault with his sentence.

WITHOUT RESULT.

Marlboro, Mass., Dec. 24.—A meeting held yesterday afternoon was attended by the clergymen of all denominations in the city and many business men, at which the entire labor situation was discussed at considerable length. Many questions were asked and answered, but no formal action was taken as a result of the conference. The Upper Leather Cutters' union yesterday voted, 18 to 10, to surrender their charter. The union officials assert that as long as 10 members stand together the charter cannot be surrendered. The manufacturers, on the other hand, claim that the action of the cutters is evidence that they are weakening.

CAR MEN ARRESTED.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 24.—State Detective Murray and Inspector O'Day of the local police force went to Spencer yesterday and arrested Conductor Michael Calvin and Motorman Thomas Hiney, the crew in charge of the vestibule car which figured in the street car accident in Leicester on Wednesday afternoon. The prisoners furnished bonds in the sum of $5000. They will be charged with manslaughter, in causing the death of Walter H. Holbrook and John J. Kerrigan, the two victims of the disaster.

A DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY.

Boston, Dec. 24.—The official recount of votes for Frederick W. Day, Democrat, and George U. Crocker, Republican, candidates for aldermen, was completed last night, and shows that Day is elected by 97 plurality. The incoming board will, therefore, be composed of 7 Democrats and 5 Republicans.

FRAUD ALLEGED.

Milwaukee, Dec. 24.—Charles Stolper, John Stolper and Charles Stolper, Jr., who conduct the large cooperage works of the Charles Stolper Cooperage company in this city, were arrested yesterday, charged with using a stamp in imitation of that of the Coopers' union on kegs sent out from their shops. The concern is one of the largest of its kind in the country, and does business all over the United States. It makes barrels and kegs by machinery with non-union operators for the machines.

CURRENT EVENTS

CHILDREN AND THE GRIP

Danger Lies In Serious Complications That May Follow.

EVERY CASE SHOULD BE ISOLATED.

The Disease Is More Contagious In Children Than Among Adults—Temperature Should Be Uniformly Warm During the Whole Day—How to Secure Free Ventilation—Diet For the Patients—Symptoms of the Disease.

Grip is usually kind to children. The danger in childhood lies chiefly in serious complications that may follow, which are pneumonia, inflammation of the ear, difficulty with the glands of the body and disorders of the stomach and intestines. Acute grip leads to the development of tuberculosis in the young as often as does measles. Among children it may appear under one of three forms. The nervous, as in the epidemic of 1889-90, characterized by great depression and severe pains in the head, spinal region and muscles; the catarrhal form, marked by coryza and tendency to congestion of the mucous tract, and the gastric type, the one most commonly seen in childhood, marked by symptoms of gastrointestinal disturbance. These three forms have been observed in the children of one household, under one roof. The invasion is typically sudden, often accompanied by vertigo and nausea and sometimes actual vomiting of bilious matter. There are pains in the limbs and a general aching all over, with nearly always pains in the eyeballs and frontal headache. Some cases present cold shiverings; others actual delirium, with intense bodily weakness. The cough is usually worse at night and toward early morning. There may be wheezing and blood stained expectoration. Pulmonary susceptibility is particularly apparent. There are often eruptions that are very puzzling. Grip in children may appear at first to be pneumonia, scarlet fever, meningitis or measles.

Isolate every case among children. Put them immediately to bed. Mild cases run their course in from three to seven days. The disease is more contagious than among adults. Always remember the peculiar susceptibility to lung trouble in the young who have grip. The temperature should be uniformly warm during the entire 24 hours. Have a board five inches high and as wide as the window placed under the lowest sash of the window farthest from the bed to insure free ventilation. From the outset the diet should consist of strong broths, meat essences, milk, etc., with bits of ice to relieve the thirst.

Alcohol is seldom necessary during the first stage of fever, but when it subsides the pulse is usually weak, and stimulants are required in full doses. Iced champagne is often grateful to the little patient. Grip is a disease of great enfeeblement. A teaspoonful of brandy may be required every hour or second hour for a child 8 years old in the stage of depression. Sleeplessness is best combated by a hot mustard footbath and Dover's powder. The feverish stage requires special treatment as circumstances arise.

Three conditions remain in children as grip passes off—want of appetite, irritability of the stomach and a lingering paroxysmal cough. Each requires special attention and care. A warm, dry climate is sometimes the only thing that will relieve the cough, an expensive yet imperative luxury. Immediately after the more painful manifestations of the disease have passed in every case extract of malt and pepsin, cordial in equal parts and a small amount of elixir of bark, iron and strychnine, in addition to a generous diet and tonic treatment, act well.

Remember that every case of grip, measles and whooping cough in children may so reduce the child as to make way readily for tuberculosis, though grip in itself is usually of small moment during childhood.—New York Journal.

Preserving Order In Manila.

A story concerning the American troops in Manila is told by an English naval officer, who was an eyewitness to the occurrence. "The city was quite crowded," he says, "with both American and Spanish soldiers, and they seemed to be on the friendliest terms. As I was crossing one of the numerous bridges across the Pasig river I saw a native Filipino spit in the face of a Spanish officer and then run to the American sentinel who was guarding the bridge, demanding his protection. It was some time before the Filipino could make himself understood, and the sentry took some time to grasp what had been done, but you can imagine my surprise when he handed his gun to the Spanish officer and caught the native by the nape of the neck and the seat of his trousers and pitched him off the bridge into the Pasig river. Then he calmly took his gun from the Spanish officer and began pacing the beat as if nothing had happened."—Pall Mall Gazette.

Microbes to Steal Away Pain.

A German dentist, Dr. Herz, proposes to put microbes into our mouths to steal away our pains. His discovery consists in an inoculant prepared from microbes he cultivates for the purpose. When applied in the case of a decayed tooth, it stops the pain, but does not destroy the nerve; further, it again fixes the tooth and makes it possible to put in a lasting stopping. He has already treated a number of cases with it, and they have proved most successful.—Chicago Tribune.

Origin of Man.

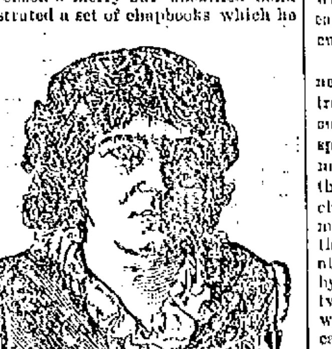
A German professor has traced the origin of man back to the shark. Perhaps the professor got his first clew from man's commercial transactions.—Indianapolis News.

UNIQUE GIFT FOR BOSTON.

Souvenirs of Robert Louis Stevenson Given by His Widow.

Robert Louis Stevenson's stepson and collaborer, Lloyd Osborn, is the medium through which the Boston Public library is soon to come into possession of a unique collection of Stevensonia. It is the gift of Mrs. Stevenson to the city which her husband had never visited, but in which he numbered many of his warmest friends, met all over the world, in the novelist's long quest for health.

The collection consists of the original blocks of the wood cuts with which Mr. Stevenson's merry but unskilled hand illustrated a set of chapbooks which he



MRS. ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON.

and Mr. Osborn put together while at a Swiss health resort. It was purely for the purpose of whiling away the long winter evenings that Mr. Stevenson and Lloyd Osborn, then only a lad, set up the toy printing shop, and their temporary home, in Davos Platz. In 1881 they printed the first of their little chapbooks, among them "Moral Emblems," "The Graver and the Pen," "The Blue Scalper," "Not I and Other Poems" and "The Black Canyon." The last was by Mr. Osborn. Some of the verses have amusing titles, such as "The Industrious Pirate," "The Pirate and Apothecary" and "Lord Nelson and the Tar."

A cable dispatch accepting the gift and the conditions was sent to Mr. Osborn recently.—New York Times.

OUR MINISTERS IN DEMAND.

The English People Are Eager to Hear Americans Preach.

Letters are coming from England to ministers not alone in New York, but all over the country, expressing a desire to know when the recipients expect to visit England, or to learn of any of their ministerial friends who expect to cross the ocean. The churches of England and Scotland, and to some extent those of Canada and the English speaking contingents in Rome, Paris and Berlin, have recently developed a wonderful desire to hear American preachers. The demand does not seem to be for Americans as permanent pastors, but rather as supplies for special occasions and for evangelistic services.

A "broker" in ministerial supplies has even set up in business in London with the express purpose of securing American clergymen to fill English and Scottish pulpits. This broker is now sending to clergymen on this side of the Atlantic letters asking about vacation plans for next summer. In a burst of confidence the information is given that a man need not have a national reputation in America in order to get into the best pulpits in England just now. Almost anything is in demand that bears the American label.

This feeling in a strong measure is supposed to have sprung from the unusual warmth of feeling shown by Great Britain during the recent war for the people of the United States. A prominent clergyman of New York said recently: "Who would have thought that our controversy with Spain would have made it possible for American ministers to take a tour abroad, to the Holy Land as well perhaps, and pay the entire way of themselves and families by supplying pulpits in England and on the continent? But it can be done. The Protestant clergyman who does not go abroad now, or at least next summer, does not deserve a second opportunity. The demand at the present time is enormous. I am besought in all directions, not always to come myself, but to give information of others who are to visit England."—New York Times.

Paid For Doing Good Work.

The Swedes have a custom which might profitably be copied by other nations. In the mines of that country the workmen have their tools sharpened by a special blacksmith, and he is paid not by the number of tools sharpened, but by the number of yards bored by the miners whose implements he has sharpened during the month. Thus when the smith is skillful and does his best he makes more money than he does when his work is not well done, and there is a decided gain all around.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Our Dead.

We have gathered and buried with honor
the men in blue who fell,
And their scattered resting places we
have guarded and cared for well,
And now there has dawned upon us an
epoch making day
When the head of the nation asks us to
as tenderly care for the gray.

And we who fought and slew them, we,
as one man, reply
To the noble, generous impulse with a
comrade's hearty aye.
Wherever through all the country a soldier's grave is found
Henceforth—the country says it—it shall
be sacred ground.

And every grave shall be tended and
strewn alike with flowers.
Henceforth our dead are your dead, henceforth your dead are ours;
Henceforth with them deep buried all
strife, all hatred lies,
And together we turn to the future undaunted, trustful eyes.
—Archibald Hopkins in Cincinnati Enquirer.

PICTET FREEZING CURE.

Famous Swiss Savant's Latest Remedy For Lung Diseases.

REMARKABLE CURES REPORTED.

Treatment Invented by This Chevalier of the Legion of Honor Is Given In a Fur Lined Well Surrounded by an Icy Liquid Gas—He Claims Much For It.

M. Raoul Pictet, a famous Swiss savant, chevalier of the Legion of Honor, discoverer of the liquefaction of oxygen and member of more than 40 scientific societies in France and Germany, has come to America to demonstrate to physicians and scientists here what he is convinced is a cure for diseases of the lungs, the stomach, the circulation and the kidneys.

"La frigotherapie," the name of his new discovery, may perhaps be roughly translated in English as the "freezing cure," although, as M. Pictet does not speak English, he was unable to give me an idiomatic English translation of the French term. The necessary machinery, he said, consists of a well of metal lined with thick furs, into which the patient descends, the depth being about five feet. This well is surrounded by an outer shell, while the cavity between the outer and inner walls is filled with a combination of sulphurous and carbonic acids, known to the scientific world as "liquide Pictet," after its discoverer. This gas is kept in a liquid state at 110 degrees below zero and is continually forced into the cavity by specially constructed pumps.

Curious and incomprehensible as the fact may seem, M. Pictet says the patient surrounded by the furs and the icy liquid has no impression of cold whatever, and, in fact, his temperature rises after three seconds' treatment, increasing from one-half to one degree in five minutes. A period of treatment ranging from 5 to 15 minutes is always sufficient for the time being, the number of needful repetitions varying in each individual case. M. Pictet says he himself, after 15 years of illness, was cured after eight descents into "the well." The Prince of Servia, he says, was absolutely cured by six descents after 20 years of continuous ill health.

M. Pictet told me the other evening, through the medium of an interpreter, that he had made his discovery of the beneficial effects of the "liquide Pictet" some six years ago and had waited for years in order to procure a thorough and scientific test of the new process by recognized physicians. In 1896 MM. Cordes and Chossat, two prominent scientific medical men of Geneva, took up the investigation of M. Pictet's well and for the last two years have devoted their entire time to this study. Their report was published about two months ago and is a remarkable document.

According to this report, 200 persons suffering from various afflictions of the lungs, stomach, nerves and kidneys were subjected to every possible physiological test in connection with the results of descents into the "Pictet well," while many others were examined less rigorously, and the astounding statement is made that in every single case the treatment was absolutely successful and the particular disease cured. A quarter of an hour after the descent one-half of the superfluous and disease breeding albumen, sugar or phosphates in the body have entirely disappeared, and the appetite of the patient has been materially increased.

M. Pictet assured me that he had not made known his discovery to the world before because he wished scientific and exhaustive research to prove the value of his discovery. He believes that in five or six years every town of 10,000 inhabitants will possess one of these wells, and estimates that it will take an outlay of $10,000,000 to install them throughout the United States, a complete apparatus, with the compressor and all the necessary machinery costing $50,000. While the cost of treatment was decided by the two doctors who conducted the tests in Geneva, one of whom, M. Pictet told me, had cured himself of chronic bronchitis by the "freezing cure," the poor of Geneva are receiving gratuitous treatment at the present time.

M. Pictet is sanguine as to the acceptance of his treatment by medical authorities in the United States, and believes that the "freezing cure" will be in general use in America in two or three years. The action of the well, M. Pictet says, is extremely rapid in all cases, and has been as successful in consumption as in other diseases, the effect being similar to the action of high mountain air on diseased lungs. M. Pictet has, however, adapted his "liquide Pictet" to other uses besides those of a medicinal and healing nature. By its aid, he says, he has been enabled to produce a highly refined and purified quality of acetylene gas, which, its inventor believes, will revolutionize the present methods of lighting, heating and motive power. Purifying the acetylene gas at a low temperature by the aid of the "liquide Pictet," a product is obtained that, its inventor asserts, will not explode, burns absolutely without smoke, and produces a light from 20 to 25 times more brilliant than that of ordinary illuminating gas. Scientific purity is attained at a temperature of 213 degrees below zero, while for the ordinary demands of commerce 110 degrees below zero is considered sufficient. A French company, organized to develop this purified acetylene gas, has been recently incorporated with a capital of $1,000,000. Fifty kilograms of "liquide Pictet" per hour are necessary for this refining process, the machine developing 80 horsepower and being valued at $200,000.—Cor. New York Herald.

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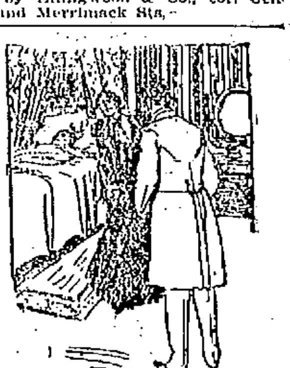

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EASTERN DISTRICT—On and after Oct. 16, 1898, all trains will leave Lowell (Middlesex street depot) as follows:

For Taunton, New Bedford, Newport, Providence, Pawtucket, Marlboro, South Framingham and way stations, at 7.15, 11.35 a. m., 5.25 p. m. All trains connect at South Framingham with Boston and Albany R. R. for Worcester, Springfield, Albany and the west; also at Concord Junction with the Fitchburg R. R.

The 5.25 p. m. train connects with Stonington line for New York city, the south and west.

SUNDAYS—For South Framingham, Mansfield, Pawtucket, Providence and way-stations, 7.15 a. m. Return at 5.33 p. m., connecting for Worcester and return.

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Corrected to Oct. 3, 1898. Trains leave Merrimack Street Depot, Lowell, as follows:

For Boston, 5.45, 6.55, †6.14, *7.35, *8.50, †9.15, *9.49, 11 a m; 1.49, †3.00, 4.23, †5.44 p m. SUNDAYS, 8.45 a m.

Trains leave Middlesex Street Station Lowell, as follows:

For Boston, 5.49, 6.28, *6.45, w6.50, 7.04, *7.00, *7.28, 7.33, *7.44, w*8.15, *8.57, †9.10, w9.23, *9.50, w10.50 11.03, *11.49 a m; w12.05, 12.15, w12.45, 1.43, w2.30, w*3.03, 3.10, *3.17, w4.05, 4.23, w5.10, 5.22, †5.49, w*6.15, *6.23, 7.00, *7.49, w9.23 p m.; SUNDAYS, 7.20, 7.28, w8.15, 8.46, 9.19, a m, w12.05, w1.05, 4.25, w6.30, 6.58, w7.35 p m.

For Lawrence, 6.24, w6.50 z7.33, w8.50, w9.30, 10.05, w10.50 a m; w12.05, w2.30, w4.10, w4.05, 4.18, w5.10, w6.15, w7.00, w3.25, w11.25 p m. SUNDAYS, w8.16 a m, w12.05, w5.30, w7.35 p m.

For Salem, Mass, w6.28, 7.30 a m; w12.05, 1.38, w5.10, 6.53 p m.

For Haverhill, 6.28, 6.50, z7.33, 8.50, 9.25, 10.50 a m; 12.05, 2.30, 3.19, 4.05, 5.10, 6.15, 7.00, 9.25, †11.25 p m. SUNDAYS, 8.15 a m; 12.05, 5.30, 7.25 p m.

For Newburyport, Amesbury and Portsmouth, 6.23 a m; 12.05, 2.30, 4.05, 6.15 p m.

For Exeter and Dover 6.25, 6.50, z7.33, 8.20 a m; 12.05, 3.19, 4.05, 5.10 p m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p m.

For Rochester and Alton Bay, 8.30 a m; 12.05, 4.05 p m.

For Somersworth, N H, Saco, Old Orchard, and Portland, 6.28, 6.50, z7.33, 8.30 a m; 12.05, 4.05 p m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p m.

For Augusta, Bath, Waterville, 6.50, 8.30 a m; 12.05, 5.10 p m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p m.

For Lewiston, 6.50, 8.30 a m; 12.05, 4.05, 5.10 p m.

For Bangor, Belfast Skowhegan and Rockland 8.30 a m; 5.10 p m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p m.

For St John's, N B, Halifax, N S, 5.10 p m (does not run Saturdays.) SUNDAYS, 5.00 p m.

For Eastport and St John, (via steamer from Portland) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 12.05 p m.

For Castine, Dear Isle, Sedgewick, Bar Harbor, Jonesport and Machiasport, (via steamer Frank Jones from Portland), Tuesdays and Fridays at 5.10 p m.

For stations on Grand Trunk R. R., via Portland 8.30 a. m. 12.05, 5.10 p. m.

For Woburn, 6.28, 7.04, 7.33, *7.48, 11.03 a m; 1.40 4.28 p m. SUNDAYS, 8.13 a m; 4.25, 5.58 p m.

For Ayer Junction and Way-Stations—7.10 a m; 12.00, 5.01 and 6.42 p m. SUNDAYS, 2.15 p m.

For Amherst, Milford and Wilton—9.12 a m; 1.00, 3.41, 5.46 p m. SUNDAYS, 2 p m.

For Greenfield, Peterboro, Bennington, Hillsboro and Keene—9.12 a m and 3.41 p m. SUNDAYS to Hillsboro, 2 p m.

For Nashua, Manchester and Concord—7.40, 9.12, *9.40 a m; *12.12, 1.00, *1.40, 3.41, *5.40, 6.27, *8.16, *8.40 p m. SUNDAYS, 10.00 a m (to Nashua only), 8.08 a m; 2.00, 6.03, 8.10, 8.40 p m.

For Franklin, Lebanon and White River Junction—9.12, *9.40 a m; *12.12, *1.40, (to Franklin only) 5.40, †*8.40 p m.

For Warner, Bradford, Sunapee, Newport, (N H) Claremont and Claremont Junction—1.40, 1.40 p m.

For St Johnsbury, and Lyndonville, via Wells River—*9.40 a m, *1.40, †*8.40 p m.

For Montpelier, Essex Junction, Burlington, St Albans, St Johns and Montreal via the Central Vermont Line, *9.40 a m; *12.12, *†8.40 p m.

For Montreal and Quebec, via Montreal and Boston Air Line—*9.40 a m; †*8.40 p m.

QUEBEC EXPRESS, via Plymouth and Sherbrook—9.40 a. m., †*8.40 p m.

References: *Express; †Daily. w Via Western Division. ‡Wednesdays and Saturdays only, ¶ Via Bedford. z Via Wilmington Junction.

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THE WEATHER.

Sun rises—7:12; sets, 4:17.
Moon sets—5:11 a. m.
Full sea—9:19 a. m.; 10 p. m.

The storm central over Lake Huron has moved to the mouth of the St. Lawrence and has caused westerly gales in the lake regions and rain or snow in the lake regions and North Atlantic states. An area of high pressure is central in the middle plateau region and has spread in an easterly direction over the whole country, except a slight depression over the upper lake region and northern New England. The weather will grow colder generally in New England, and the cold weather will last till Sunday night. Generally fair weather may be expected.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

HOLIDAY GOODS, LOW PRICES.

We have our usual large assortment of dolls, toys, sleds, skates and Fancy china ware. Dickson Bros., the big Tea dealers, 85 Merrimack St.

CATHOLIC PRAYER BOOKS.

A large assortment of nice prayer books, all prices. Pearl rosaries, cases, statues, holy water fonts, lamps and other religious articles suitable for a Christmas present, at Murphy's, 15 Appleton street.

LOCAL NEWS.

Smokers enjoy Old Hundred Cigars.

T. C. Lee, Fire Ins, 223 Central street.

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Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pens for sale at Miss Hard's school, 31 Hildreth Building.

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A course of shorthand for your daughter would make a fine Christmas gift. Obtain it at Miss Hard's school. First class in all respects.

When down town tonight look in my window and see if you can't save money by buying your Christmas presents of me. Harris, 10 Appleton St.

Winter term begins January 2nd at Miss Hard's school. Shorthand and typewriting exclusively taught by the latest and most improved methods.

Basket ball game. Burkes vs. Pawtucketville A. C., followed by dancing at Associate hall, Monday evening, Dec. 26. Tickets 25 cents. Music Atwood's orchestra.

If you are in doubt what to do for your son or daughter for Christmas, why not give them a course of shorthand and typewriting at Miss Hard's school? Nothing will yield you better returns.

THE CARRIERS WINDOW.

The carriers window at the post office will be open Saturday evening from 7 to 8 o'clock and Sunday from 12 to 1 o'clock as usual. Give your name and street number and the call will be attended to.

PRESENTATION.

A beautiful Morris chair was presented to Mrs. H. W. Ladd of 50 Kirk street on Thursday evening by her boarders. About 25 of the boarders met in the parlor and enjoyed a fine musical and literary program. Piano selections were given by Miss Ruth Sherburne and Miss Anna Cilley gave a number of recitations.

Mrs. William H. Dike made an appropriate presentation speech and when she concluded Mrs. James W. Huntoon presented Mrs. Ladd with the gift above mentioned. The recipient responded in a few remarks.

TEWKSBURY.

GRIP HAS REACHED TOWN.

Mr. I. M. Locke, the courteous and obliging grocer of this town is threatened with an attack of the grip which is becoming quite prevalent hereabouts.

The funeral of Mr. Jeremiah C. Kittredge, formerly of Tewksbury took place on Friday from his late home in Brookline.

The families of Mr. Geo. D. Forkstall and H. M. Billings intend spending Christmas at Bellingham with Mr. Billings' father.

Mr. N. F. Frost while engaged in putting up a partition at the state almshouse at Tewksbury Thursday, fell and broke a small bone in his ankle.

BRISK BLAZE.

AT S. DOPKEEN'S SECOND-HAND SHOP LAST NIGHT.

Quite a lively fire occurred last night in the second-hand clothing store of S. Dopkeen in the Bascom estate on Merrimack street adjoining the Bijou theatre. It started in a lot of old clothing pulled too near the stove and it burned briskly destroying nearly all the stock. An alarm from box 7 was rung in and the fire department responded promptly, its quick work preventing a dangerous blaze as the row of buildings is of the tinder-box type. The smoke was intense. Mr. Dopkeen says he is insured for $600.

NORTH CHELMSFORD.

SANCTUARY LADIES SUCCESSFUL ENTERTAINMENT AND CHRISTMAS TREE.

At the new hall of the St. John's Total Abstinence Society in North Chelmsford last evening the Sanctuary Ladies of the St. John's church held a Christmas tree and entertainment. The hall was prettily decorated for the occasion with trees and evergreen. David McEnaney was the Santa Claus and he had a merry time with the young folks. The following entertainment was given: Opening chorus, Sunday school girls; reading, Miss Nellie Harrington; dialogue, "Three Missions," Misses Alice Leahey, Katie Curry and Annie Larkin; song, Fred McEnaney; dialogue, "Military Discipline," Sunday school boys; song, James J. Barrett; reading, Miss Fannie Garvin; song, Henry McCoy. The entertainment concluded with a doll show by a number of little girls. The North Chelmsford band was present and during the evening they rendered some delightful music.

The public schools closed yesterday afternoon and will not reopen till Monday morning, January 2.

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ON "MODERN TYPES OF GREATNESS.

Organ Prelude By Solon W. Stevens, Esq.

The following report was crowded out of yesterday's edition:

A very large and delighted audience comprising many of Lowell's leading citizens, was present Thursday evening in the Highland Congregational church, the occasion of the fourth in the series of weekly entertainments.

In the early evening Solon W. Stevens, Esq., gave a highly excellent organ prelude of a half hour's duration and was warmly applauded for his efforts. His last number was so pleasing that he was compelled to respond to a hearty encore.

"Modern Types of Greatness," was the subject of the distinguished lecturer, President William Jewett Tucker, D.D., of Dartmouth college. He was introduced by the pastor of the church Rev. Charles L. Merriam in brief but happily chosen words. Prof. Tucker in opening his lecture said it was better to hide the moral of a tale, though it was not good art to conceal the object.

"My object," said the speaker, "is to try to help in understanding better our own time, with its changes of society. A friend asked me the other day, 'Who is your great man?' The question suggested to me what I wish to express to you. In our contemporary great men, we see greatness in the process of making. We see others great in places where we are small. The great ones of other ages affect us comparatively little. We are more influenced by those in our own age, circumstanced alike with us.

"There are three 'constants' ingredients in greatness. First, originality, by which I mean not mere thinking apart from men, but thinking toward truth in advance of men. The original man is the one who is ahead of us all; not eccentric, but genuine.

"Second, authoritativeness, which puts originality into effect. Not always leadership in life, stubbornly refusing to surrender to the commonplace. Third beneficence in result, material and spiritual. Of course these three constants are not always in equal proportions. One always predominates in each case.

"In these days doubt challenges in the interest of truth. We are in a transition period. The only poet born of the age that is just passing in all its later phases is Matthew Arnold. The coming poet, born of our coming life, with its iron, smoke and turmoil, is Rudyard Kipling. Men are delving, like Pasteur, in the new realm between the animate and inanimate.

"Science is living in a state of expectancy and full of optimism. Literary men need not be the opposite, for beyond the certainties of science, the poet may sing the faith of mankind. There is every opportunity for the exercise of time, present, authoritative originality which is greatness. Our age will go down to history as the embodiment of this type, with its wealth of originality in promoting progress of science and moral evolution. Knowledge has no country—no class. There is nothing new under the sun is a proverb daily disproved. Our strong masterful age will go into history as the masterful one. Millionaires are not the men of narrow natures, with only a thought of saving money. Cyrus W. Field gave to the world the greatest project of modern times, the ocean cable. His was a characteristic that marks the generation. National unity is also a characteristic of the times. Originality was first shown in the action of the Italian empire. The compelling force of greatness was exemplified in Bismarck. The unification of Germany was the boldest example of unity in modern times.

But to Abraham Lincoln, in the late civil war, as the beneficence of the American people more than exemplified in the greatness of one man. At the time we did not know it. Now we know it all. Who knows what our power in the late war with Spain means? Other nations will recognize that power as our authority. Originality is the form of investigation. Authority is that form developed. Beneficence is an incentive to greatness. Without it we fail to have the spirit to work with sufficient intensity to produce greatness. Imagination may do what reality fails in. Progress is the persistent struggle of souls working in the interest of God. The beneficence motive may give us heights yet unattained. Socrates is not to be confounded with genius. Genius cannot intermeddle itself and lasts from age to age. Real authority and knowledge are as yet painfully lacking.

"I deprecate," said the speaker, in concluding, "the critical tendency of a large part of society. Let criticism be merciless in overthrowing vice and corruption. But let it not be misapplied as it is every day in carping at little things. Treat our great men as they deserve. We do not reward them with honor. Instead we give the shortest terms of office possible, and rotate men in them. Trust them and honor them, there must be moral evolution to go with the evolution going on in the material world. Only so shall we find the best results accruing from modern authoritative originality, which is the greatness of the present day."

At the conclusion of the lecture a number of former Dartmouth college students and prominent Lowell citizens shook hands with the distinguished president.

The last entertainment in this series will be held on Wednesday evening next when there will be a song recital by Prof. William Heinrich, tenor, assisted by Nina Fletcher, violinist.

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SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL.

Loyal Victoria Lodge, I. O. O. F. M. H., has elected the following officers: Noble grand, Mrs. Lucy Furnley; vice grand, Miss Margaret Ferguson; elective secretary, Miss Alice Duckworth; permanent secretary, Michael Ensile; treasurer, Mrs. Mary A. Pass; chaplain, Miss Ida Roper; warden, Miss Charlotte Butterfield; conductor, Miss Belle Paige; guard, Mrs. Nancy Neild; trustee, Mrs. Emma Lord; auditors, Miss Jessie Lynch and Mrs. Jennie Scoble; physician, Dr. Charles L. Sweetsir.

Court Gen. Shields, F. of A., at their regular semi-annual election elected the following officers: Chief ranger, Martin Flaherty; sub chief ranger, Thomas Roark; treasurer, John A. O'Hearn; financial secretary, James H. Sullivan; recording secretary, Francis J. Mullen; senior woodward, Felix McPartland; junior woodward, Patrick Carty; senior beedle, James Cox; junior beedle, James E. Lang; trustee for 3 years, John E. Mullen, and physician, Dr. A. G. Halpin.

Bay State colony, Pilgrim Fathers elected the following officers: Governor, James Taylor; lieutenant governor, Mrs. Ella Sawyer; secretary, Carrie I. Corbett; collector, Annie Crawford; treasurer, Dennis Dilworth; chaplain, Louise Williams, sergeant at arms, O. C. Johnson; deputy sergeant at arms, John Murringham; sentinels, Mary Bascom and John Crawford; trustees, C. Bagley, J. L. Jewett, Charles Carr; pianist, Carrie I. Corbett.

Montauk encampment, I. O. O. F., have elected officers as follows: Chief patriarch, F. E. Wyman; high priest, W. W. Wyman; senior warden, J. H. Breton; junior warden, H. V. Kittredge; trustee for three years, E. S. Bickford; scribe, John Thornber, and treasurer, Richard Gumb.

Passaconaway Tribe of Red Men nominated officers at its last meeting.

Veritas Lodge, I. O. O. F. worked the third degree on three candidates at its last meeting.

A fair and entertainment for the benefit of General Fiske lodge, I. O. G. T., was opened Thursday night in Highland hall, and continued last night. A lively business was done at the various tables, and the supper and entertainment reflected credit upon the respective committees. The programme was composed of orchestral selections, songs and readings. The following were the committees in charge of the affair:

Mystery table, Edith McDonald, Mrs. Locke and Grace Maxfield; peanut barrel, Paul Ladd; bean bottle, Adam Myrick; lemonade stand, Miss Nora McDonald, Miss Howell; ice cream, Messrs McDonald and Flanders; post office, Howard Harlow, Harry Maguire, Chas. Stanley and Joseph Coburn; entertainment, Mr. Gardner, Mrs. Myrrick, Mrs. Tryon; bean bag, D. H Harlow, Ernest Locke; flower table, Misses Lillie Wood and Grace Farrell; supper, Mrs. Myrrick, Mrs. Lucy, Mrs. Tryon, Mrs. Jones; paper, Messrs. Wood, Oatman, Myrrick and Burdick, and Mrs. Locke; tickets, Messrs. Burdick and Armistead; candy table, Mr. and Mrs. Oatman; popcorn stand, Harry McDonald and Frank Luce; check room, Belle Jones and T. Sanders.

About 150 couples made merry at the first grand ball of the Xaviers in Prescott hall Thursday night. Hibbard's orchestra provided music for the occasion and dancing was enjoyed from 8 o'clock until after midnight. During the intermission supper was served, the catering being in charge of George B. Holt.

The following was the committee in charge: General manager, Rod'k Chisholm; assistant, Harvey Belleau; floor director, Ernest E. Bailey; assistant, Finley Chisholm; chief aid, James J. Conroy; aids, F. B. Looney, Edward Cahill, Thomas Tully, Fred Humphreys, H. J. Dow, W. J. Chisholm, Samuel Smith, John Kenney, William Taylor.

MATRIMONIAL.

SMITH-MARSHALL.

At South Bend, Ind., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Ullery, November 23, 1898, Elder Arthur N. Smith and Miss Lottie B. Marshall were married by Rev. Mr. Skinner, pastor of the M. E. church. The ceremoney was witnessed by a small company of friends. Rev. Mr. Smith's home is in Vermont while the bride's home is Lowell, Mass. Both are graduates of the Bible Training School of Mendota College. Elder Smith is now pastor of the mission on South Michigan street, South Bend. They will reside in South Bend, Ind.

DANE-SPRAGUE.

In the parlor of the American House Thursday evening, the Rev. Mr. Morang united Mr. Lewis Dane of Westford and Mrs. Hattie Sprague of Albine, Tex., in wedlock. Mr. Howard Sprague was best man and Miss Nina Dane was bridesmaid. The bride was handsomely gowned in cream brocade satin with Chillin lace with diamonds and carried white pinks and brides roses. Mr. and Mrs. Dane will reside in Westford for the present. Immediate friends only were present.

HOWE-VOSE.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Parker, 192 Hildreth street, Wednesday evening their daughter, Clara M. Vose, was united in marriage to Walter T. Howes. Rev. S. T. Ford was the officiating clergyman. Bertha M. Merrill, cousin of the bride, was the bridesmaid and Mr. George Howes, brother of the groom, was the best man.

Disraeli said: "Man is not the creature of circumstances; circumstances are the creatures of men." Make your head clear and strong by using Dow's Menthol Cream.

CRISP GOSSIP.

Nashua has upwards of 200 cases of grip. Six of the leading physicians canvassed yesterday, had a total of 123 cases.

The little folks appear to be growing more sophisticated for fewer letters addressed to Santa Claus have been dropped in the mail boxes than ever before.

Each year at Christmas tide there are hundreds of Lowell's adopted citizens who remember the friends they left behind in foreign lands. Their presents are usually money, as it is more convenient to send cash in one form or another than it is to send any other token of friendship and regard.

Merry Christmas to everybody.

"I wonder," says the Nashua Telegraph, "if people ever think that newspapermen make their bread and butter by writing—not what they want—but what the owners of he newspapers upon which they are employed, think the public wants. These same people would never in the wide world think of asking a newspaper man to give them $5 or $10 or $15, as the case might be, but they have no hesitation in asking them to refrain from writing a 'story' for which they would be paid $5 or $10 or $15. Usually if the newspaperman grants the request he gets a cold dish of thanks, and is convinced that the person who has made the request is of the opinion that he is only doing his duty."

Candidates for the city offices are hustling.

The street crossings are in a very bad condition.

Store clerks are kept busy these days but the purchases are not worth more than 50 per cent of what they were in past years.

Next Tuesday there will be a total eclipse of the moon, which, if the night is fair, will be visible throughout New England. It will begin at 5 p. m., and will end at 8.36 p. m. The moon will be full at 5.39 p. m. This is the only one of the six eclipses of '98 that will be visible in New England. An eclipse, by the way is something that but what comparatively few people have seen. Probably this is due to the fact that a majority of them occur after midnight.

The grip is gaining its hold on Lowell people.

Expressmen are handling lots of goods at present.

The small boy is kicking because now in vacation time "there ain't no skating." Surely there has been a noticeable lack of skating this winter and it looks now as if it would be some time before there is any smooth ice. At the present time the ice is covered with a thin covering of snow.

Bad walking these days.

Travel in the country in very bad.

The streets were thronged last evening with Christmas shoppers.

The Boston Globe had Col. John C. Linehan slated for assistant U. S. treasurer at Boston. At least, it printed his picture as that of the man selected to succeed Assistant Treasurer Joseph H. O'Neil. The name of Hon. George A. Marden was under Colonel Linehan's portrait.

The rush at the postoffice lasted clear up to the closing hour last evening.

A large number of Lowell friends were present at the wedding in Lawrence on Wednesday of Engineer Samuel A. Bowie of the Pacific mills and Miss Lizzie Bean.

Don't let the little ones suffer from eczema or other torturing skin diseases. No need for it. Doan's Ointment cures. Can't harm the most delicate skin. At any drug store, 50 cents.

NEW YEAR OPENING.

Special rates of tuition to those who enroll on or before January 2, 1899, for a business or shorthand course, day or evening, at the

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Choice Teas, Coffees, and Spices
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LOWELL SHOULD IMITATE.

Superintendent Morton has put on extra cars for the accommodation of Christmas shoppers. Glen Forest cars are run half hourly to relieve traffic on the Lowell line. On the Andover line commencing Wednesday, two cars were run on 20-minute time, so great was the traffic. Commencing on Thursday extra cars wer run on the Methuen and North Andover lines.

The Lowell and Suburban street railway would do well to imitate the example set by the sister city down the river. On Thursday evening the accommodations were "fierce" to say the least, for those who were caught out in the storm.

Saturday, December 24, 1898.

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And to make it merrier still to those who have not yet bought all their presents we can show AT REDUCED PRICES:

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Handkerchiefs.
In Lace, Mull, Linen and Lawn, plain white, fancy bordered, embroidered, lace trimmed or hand made, all kinds and qualities from 5c up.

Aprons.
2500 Ladies' White Aprons in plain white or fancy, Hamburg or lace trimmed, at from 25c up.

Skirts.
Ladies' Sateen Petticoats, lined throughout, at 98c, $1.39, $1.50, $1.75 and $2.00.
Italian Cloth Petticoats at from $2.00 up.
Moreen Skirts, Quilted Skirts and Silk Skirts at our usual low prices.

Mufflers.
Remember that our stock of Silk Mufflers for Ladies or Gentlemen is the largest in this city. Handsome goods, rich designs and at extremely low prices.

Umbrellas.
500 Ladies' and Gents' Umbrellas in Silk, Gloria, Coreta or Taffeta Covers, with Princess, Opera, Dog Family, Natural Wood, Dresden, Pearl, Ivory, Gold, Silver, Horn Handles, at from 75c up to $5.

Linen.
100 Linen Table Sets, fringed, in plain white or fancy colored borders, at from $2 up to $10.

Gents' Ties.
1000 Gents' Ties made in the latest shapes, such as Ascots, Puffs, Bows, Teeks, Princess, Four-in-Hands and Operas, in light and dark colors, also fancy shades at 25c and 50c each.

Gloves.
Extra quality Ladies' Kid Gloves, in button, hook, clasp or lace, at from 50c a pair upwards to $3.

Be sure to examine our line of Atomizers, Rose Bowls, Pictures, Easels, Toilet Sets, Manicure Sets, Glove Boxess, Handkerchief Cases, Perfumery, Clocks, Vases, Plaques, Elastics, Jewelry, etc., etc.

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SUN LATEST

FIVE O'CLOCK.

PEACE COMMISSION

Arrived in New York This Morning.

They Will Say Nothing About the Treaty—Significant Remark of Senator Gray the Only Democrat on the Commission.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

New ork, Dec. 24—There was a patriotic crowd to greet the peace commissioners who arrived on the steamer St. Louis today.

The commissioners, who were accompanied by their wives, were William R. Day of Ohio, former secretary of state; Senator Cushman K. Davis, Minnesota; Senator W. P. Frye of Me.; Senator George Gray of Deleware; and Mr. Whitelaw Reid of New York.

Mr. Reid said he and his fellow commissioners were very glad to get back, but they could not discuss the treaty.

"We are going to Washington this afternoon by the first train we can get" he said, "and shall report immediately to the president. It was understood among us that we should say nothing about our official business when we arrived. When the treaty was signed it became an official document, and it must be left for the public of the United tates and the president to decide what shall be done with it."

Mr. Reid would not discuss the published translation of what purported to be the text of the treaty, nor would he say anything about Montero Rios' recent criticism of the commission.

"As a newspaper man, I should like to talk,," he said "but as a public official, I cannot."

Senator Gray is the only democrat on the commission. When the commission left here for Paris, Senator Gray made this admission of his views:

"I am a democrat." When he was reminded of this today the senator said: "I am not changed"

The reporter told the senator of Col. Bryan's recently declared attitude on the question of expansion.

"Um," said the senator, "I am not onto Col. Bryan's curves yet."

The senator admitted that he had an opinion concerning expansion, and he volunteered the following statement:

"I have no doubt that there is a sober, thoughtful opinion in this country against expansion—there must be. The treaty merely gives us control of the situation; we can do as we please. We can keep the Philippines or not, as may be determined in the future.

BADLY MANGLED

Boy Run Over by Locomotive This Noon.

CHARLES HOWARD WAS THE VICTIM.

The Accident at Old Colony Yard.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Manila, Dec. 24.—The steamer Union which, as cabled to the Associated Press yesterday, returned here from Iloilo with native and Spanish soldiers and was refused a landing at this place, had been detained by the American officials.

Private advices from the southern provinces say that business is suspended in all the leading towns, that supplies are scarce and that foreigners are only permitted to travel when special permits have been issued to them.

At Malolos, the headquarters of the so-called Philippine government, near here, the native soldiers are levying on the villagers for supplies of food, the people are half-starved and universal dissatisfaction prevails.

American volunteers to the number of 603 attended an enthusiastic meeting of the newly formed Philippine Development Association yesterday evening. Mr. Williams, United States Consul at Manila, presided. Definite action upon the part of the organization was postponed pending the decision of General Otis on certain matters.

THE AUBURNDALE FLOATED.
By Associated Press to The Sun.

New York, Dec. 24.—The bark Auburndale, Captain Dow, from Buenos Ayres for this port, which went ashore near Barnegat, on the Jersey coast, has been floated and was sighted off Sandy Hook at 10.48 this morning in tow of the wrecking tug North America.

ORDERS TO OTIS

To Take the Island of Iloilo.

NO SPECIAL REASON IS STATED

Why This Step is Taken at Present.

Washington, Dec. 24—By direction of the president, Sec. Alger yesterday afternoon cabled to Gen. Otis, in command of the United States forces at Manila, directing him to capture without delay Iloilo.

No further instructions were cabled the general, who is left full discretion as to the methods to be employed.

It is believed by war department officials that Gen. Otis will probably send a couple of regiments to Iloilo, and that Admiral Dewey will co-operate with him to the extent of a couple of cruisers, the defences of the place not being strong enough to require the sending of the monitors.

GERMANY WILL NOT BUY.
By Associated Press to The Sun.

Berin, Dec. 24.—In official circles here it is said that there is no truth in the report that Germany has proposed to buy the Island of Fernando Po, the Spanish penal settlement in the Bight of Biafra, Western Africa.

GOING TO MANILLA.
By Associated Press to The Sun.

Madrid, Dec. 24.—General Rios, the Spanish Commander at Lloilo Isuand of Panay, cables that he is going to Manila in order to arrange for the repatriation of the Spanish troops.

Principal Henry H. Harris entertained the Varnum school pupils yesterday afternoon with a graphophone exhibition.

AT THE SCHOOLS

The School Children Celebrate Christmas.

CHRISTMAS TREES AT PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

The Schools Closed for the Holidays.

In all the schools of the city yesterday Christmas exercises were held and programs of unusual merit which were in preparation for some time were given. In some of the schools the whole was given up to celebrating the arrival day was given up to celebrating the arrival of the day and in the primary grades Christmas trees were arranged and the children received their gifts at the conclusion of the entertainment.

In the advanced department of St. Patrick's Boys school the students held union exercises and many well written papers on "Christmas" were read.

At the Bartlett school, Misses Perham, Reid and Batchelder directed the Christmas tree distribution and had charge of the entertainment held in the hall of the school.

At the Franklin school there were separate exercises in the three different departments; Franklin primary, Highland annex and kindergarten. The kindergarten department under the management of the teachers, Miss Grage Taylor and Miss Helen Noyes held exercises in the forenoon and the Christmas tree was laden with presents.

The Pawtucket school, kindergarten, had a Christmas tree and the exercises were under the charge of Misses King and Tabor.

Graphaphone selections besides singing and declamations comprised the entertainment at the Butler school. In the separate class-rooms exercises pertaining strictly to the season were held and Miss Adelaide Sullivan added greatly to the program by rendering Christmas carols.

For more than 25 years past the pupils of the Morrill school have enjoyed the generosity of the principal Miss Coughlin on both May Day and the closing day before Christmas holidays. Yesterday was no exception to the rule and all the children when leaving for home were given a number of gifts besides having enjoyed the annual party.

The teachers of the Carter street schools arranged a Christmas tree which was very much enjoyed by the little ones in their charge.

The kindergarten of the Lincoln street school had a Christmas tree and the pupils also enjoyed a short entertainment program. The teachers of the London street and Weed street schools provided many good things for their little ones and the pupils showed their regard for their teachers by suitable presents.

In the principal's department of the Edson school a lengthy program consisting of several original numbers by the pupils besides recitations and readings was given.

A Christmas tree at the Plain street school was laden with Christmas gifts for the scholars.

Following is the program of exercises at the grammar department of the training school:

1. Chorus: Hark! the Herald Angels Sing.
2. Recitation: The Night Before Christmas.
3. Reading: Original Story. Mary Coyne.
4. Recitation: Jest 'Fore Christmas. Alfred Hird.
5. Song, "Merry Christmas Bells." School.
6. Recitation: Under the Mistletoe. Elizabeth Rawley.
7. Christmas Carol. Edward Roberts.
8. Song: Shine Out, Oh Blessed Star! School.
9. Recitation: Two Little Stockings. Isabelle Hunt.
10. The Story of Christmas. Florence Busby.
11. Chorus: Holy Night.
12. Reading: Original Poem. Hortense Gallagher.
13. Recitation: The Christmas Goose. Kittie Meloy.
14. Song: Carol, Children, Carol. School.

Christmas Operetta, consisting of songs, marches and recitations;

North Wind, Clido McArdle; Winter, Agnes Johnston; Santa Claus, John Winter.

Snowflakes—Maggie O'Connor, Maggie Rydle, Madeleine Merrill, Pallnyon Reizentis, Marion Brodie, Leona Morrill.

Holly, Rachel Douglass; Mistletoe, Minnie Meaney.

Babies—Florence Wilkinson, Mae Stevenson, Statia Buttermore, Stella Busby.

Snowballing, Boys—Frank Doherty, James Clark, Eben Brennan, Connie Keefe.

BUTLER SCHOOL.

The pupils of the Butler evening school were awarded prizes last evening by the principal, Thomas H. Muldoon. The fortunate ones in each class are as follows:

Room 1—Md. Holver Lofgren, teacher; 1st prize, excellency in studies, Miss Tina Carlson; 2nd prize, attendance and deportment, Mr. August Wilson.

Room 2—Miss Nellie F. Rourke, teacher; 1st prize, excellence in studies, Master George Gordon; 2nd prize attendance and deportment, Master Albert Stanhope.

Room 3—Miss Minnie McSorley, teacher; 1st prize, excellence in studies, Miss Margaret King; 2nd prize, attendance and deportment, Miss Lizzie Donahue.

Room 4.—Miss Adelaide Sullivan, teacher; 1st prize, excellence in studies, Mr. Wm. Chadwick; 2nd prize, attendance and deportment, Mr. Simon Lane.

The school is making great progress under the efficient principal, who has interested them in the school work.

SENATOR HALE

Will Oppose Ratification of the Paris Treaty.

SAYS HE HAS NOT YIELDED

The Position He Originally Assumed.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Lewiston, Me., Dec. 24.—A special from Washington says that Senator Hale revealed today his determination to oppose the ratification of the Paris treaty.

"The newspapers," said the senator, "are representing that this senator has yielded and that another senator has yielded. That seems to be the tactics of the friends of the treaty."

The senator had been reading a Boston dispatch reproduced in the Lewiston Journal, which led him to announce again his position.

THE WEATHER.
By Associated Press to The Sun.

Boston, Dec. 24.—Forecast for Boston and vicinity: Fair to-night and Sunday; colder: west winds; probably continued fair Monday.

SPANISH SECURITIES FELL.
By Associated Press to The Sun.

Madrid, Dec. 24.—After the close of Spanish commander at Iloilo, Island for securities, fell to 53.75, owing to an unfavorable bulletin regarding the condition of Premier Sagasta.

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Ladies' Slippers.

49c. for Ladies' Felt Slippers, fur lined.
73c. for Ladies Felt Juliet, fur trimmed, black, red and brown.
$1.23 for Ladies' Satin Juliet fur trimmed, old gold, black and red.
Child's and Misses' Arctic, 50c. and 63c. worth $1.00.

Men's Slippers.

45c. for Men's Imitation Allegator Slippers, black and russet.
73c., worth $1, for Men's Opera Slippers, black and russet.
93c. for Men's Harvard tie, black and russet.
$1.49 for Men's Russia Calf Slippers.

Umbrellas,

Dress Suit Cases and Satchels.

93c. for Dresden Handles and Silver trimmed Umbrellas, Gloria Silk.
$2.00 for Union Silk Umbrellas, silver trimmed.

Men's Gloves.

45c. and 75c. for excellent quality, Dog Skin Gloves, in reds, tans and browns.
$1.00 and $1.35 for silk lined, undressed Kid Gloves (Mocha.)
$1.35 and $2.00 for extra fine Kid Gloves, pearl shade.
35c. for T black, horse hide, fleece lined gloves.

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49 TO 59 CENTRAL STREET.

DEEPLY GRIEVED

Concourse of Mourners at St. Peter's Church

FUNERALS OF PROF. TERENCE F. MOLLOY

And Owen Cahill Largely Attended This Forenoon.

The obsequies of the late Prof. Terence F. Molloy took place this forenoon from St. Peter's church where he so long officiated as director of the choir. In the edifice was a large congregation including many musical people from in and out of the city and many of denominations other than the Catholic all anxious by their presence to pay the last tribute of respect to one so highly revered in the community. In the vast concourse of mourners there were members of the Sisters of Charity and brothers of the Xaverian order, while in the choir were singers from all the Catholic choirs of the city and many from the Protestant churches. Many of the singers were so deeply effected that they could not sing the parts assigned them, notably the Misses Louise M. McLaughlin and Nano Gallagher. In the choir there was hardly one who could refrain his tears all feeling that a personal friend had departed this life. This feeling of sadness seemed infectious throughout the edifice for many remembered a friend or relative gone before at whose funeral the dead singer participated and who endeavored to comfort those left behind by sympathetic words voiced in song. Even long before the hour of service the residence of the sister of the deceased, Mrs. Mary A. Phelan was visited by throngs of people all anxious to look for the last time on the face of the dead vocalist as the body reposed in a black broadcloth casket surrounded by choice and fragrant exotics. The countenance bore a look of tranquility and was very lifelike betraying no evidence of the sufferings that Mr. Molloy endured. As the remains were carried down the broad aisle of the church the solemn and measured tones of Chopin's funeral march pealed forth being performed on the organ by Mrs. Josephine B. McKennedy. A requiem mass was celebrated by Rev. W. George Mullin and the augmented choir united in singing with impressive effect Schmidt's requiem. The male portion of the choir was unusually strong being one of the most effective ever heard within the edifice. At the offertory Mr. James Murphy of the Immaculate Conception choir rendered very sweetly the hymn "Pie Jesu" by Leybach. At the conclusion of Mass the solos of the Libera were also effectively sung by Mr. Murphy. Then Mr. James E. Donnelly sang one of Mr. Molloy's favorite hymn "No Cross No Crown." This was sung with the beautiful effectiveness for which this popular Lowell baritone is noted and coupled with the tender and touching words it moved the congregation to tears. Never before was there such a scene of weeping within the walls of St. Peter's church. Another favorite hymn of the dead director "Rest Spirit Rest," was sung by the large chorus with Miss Josephine Finn of St. Patrick's church as soloist. As the funeral cortege passed from the church the hymn "Nearer My God to Thee" was sung by the choir the voices uplifted while the tear-bedimmed eyes of the singers looked down on the bier containing the remains as it passed beneath them on its journey to the grave.

Among the beautiful floral tributes was a large spray of pink pinks and cycus palms from Mrs. Mary A. Phelan and family; spray of white pinks and cycas palms, Mrs. Thomas H. Bradley of River Point R. I., and Miss Lizzie Molloy; large harp, St. Peter's church choir; mammoth cross and crown, Mr. Albian Taylor, Jr.; large bunch of roses, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Hogan; spray of carnation pinks and palms, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Maguire; spray of roses with satin ribbon attachment, Mr. James T. Hornby; spray of Lamson pinks, Carl and Lena Hart; spray of pinks and satin ribbon, Miss Janet Rowlandson.

The funeral was in charge of Undertaker Peter Davey and the funeral arrangements in charge of Mr. Thomas F. Comerford. The pall bearers were Messrs. Albian Taylor, Jr., Charles T. Donohoe, Patrick Corcoran, James McKeown and James T. Hornby. Truly this bereavement falls upon the relatives and friends of the departed singer as the stroke of a heavier hand, breaking the finer cords so delicately woven into human life and that vibrate only to the touch of filial affection.

"Leaves have their time to fall,
And flowers to wither at the North Wind's breath,
And stars to set; but all—
Thou hath all seasons for thine own.
O Death!"

THE CAHILL FUNERAL.

The funeral services of the late Owen Cahill were very largely attended, many remaining from the Molloy obsequies, which preceded it. In the edifice were noticeable many of the older residents and many out-of-town friends and relatives of deceased. A requiem mass was celebrated by the pastor of the church, Rev. Michael Ronan. The choir rendered Schmidt's requiem. At the offertory Mr. Edward Martin rendered the hymn for the dead, "The De Profundis," and at the conclusion of mass, Mr. James E. Donnelly sang "One Sweetly Solemn Thought." The interment was in the Catholic cemetery in charge of Undertaker Davey, the celebrant of the mass performing the final services at the grave. The pall-bearers were Messrs. Patrick Kelley, James Farley, Lawrence Farley, James Cook, Owen Muldoon and Christopher Sheridan. Among the large number of floral tributes was a broken wreath and sickle on mammoth base with the inscription in blue immortelles "Owen" from Mr. Christopher Sheridan and family; large ivy wreath, Mr. P. Kelley; large sheaf of wheat, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Tighe and family.

OFFICER J. B. CROWLEY, Who Is Becoming Famous for Gathering in Pickpockets.

GOV. ROLLINS.

ANNOUNCES THE MAKE-UP OF HIS STAFF.
By Associated Press to The Sun.

Concord, N. H., Dec. 24.—Governor-elect Rollins made the first public announcement of his staff this morning as follows:

Augustus D. Ayling, Concord, Adjutant General.

Elbert Wheeler, Nashua, Inspector General.

William E. Spaulding, Nashua, Quartermaster General.

Harry H. Dudley, Concord, Commissary General.

William P. Chadwick, Exeter, Judge Advocate General.

Ferdinand A. Stillings, Concord, Surgeon General.

Walter R. Porter, Keene; William Marcotte, Manchester; Eugene S. Head, Hooksett; Carlos P. Day, Berlin, Aides.

REFORM MEASURES.

WILL BE URGED BY MANY COMMERCIAL BODIES.
By Associated Press to The Sun.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Harry A. Garfield, president of the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce, has been in Washington for the past few days in connection with Consular reform measures which the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce and other commerical institutions throughout the country intend to urge upon Congress. They will ask for a hearing before the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate and the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House, unless, so far as the House is concerned, the Adams bill, which was favorably reported at the last session of Congress, is deemed to be a satisfactory basis. Commercial organizations both east and west are co-operating in the movement.

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A MERRY BANQUET

Tendered City Government by Col. C. A. R. Dimon.

SPEECHMAKING GALORE WITHOUT POLITICS.

City Fathers Speak on City Government.

It was a merry time that jolly Col. Dimon provided for his guests at the American House, last evening when to his cordial invitation about 50 members of the present city government, the heads of departments and the city hall reporters assembled at the hotel to exchange with him the greetings of the Christmastide and partake of the Colonel's good cheer.

The invitations stated that there would be no politics allowed and all things considered there was hardly any. A little good natured "knocking" enlivened matters a bit but on the whole the affair was one of the most enjoyable gatherings of the year. As the guests arrived they were welcomed individually by the host and escorted to the hotel parlors where Councilman Libby presided at the piano. Shortly after eight o'clock the line was formed for supper, Mayor Bennett leading escorted by Col. Dimon. Mayor-elect Crowley and Alderman Pelree were unable to attend and sent regrets.

When the excellent menu rendered by Mine Host Leary had been most completely discussed during which Dr. Downs entertained with a few impromptu sketches and Mr. Steinberg with a new shell game, approved by the Shut Club, Col. Dimon called to order and welcomed the guests in brief and happy remarks. The object of the supper was simply to exchange good Christmas cheer, and he assured the members of the City Government that they have reason to be proud of their record during the year; there have been no scandals in connection with their part of the government and every man gave his best efforts to the city. The time will come when the people will ask their candidates to run for office. In conclusion the Colonel wished all to refrain from taffy and personalities and he wished all his colleagues a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. He was received with great applause.

Colonel Dimon then introduced as toastmaster Mayor J. W. Bennett who received three cheers. His Honor started out with the promise to help respect the section of the chapter of the law which gave the mayor power to appoint heads of departments, as a man who loves the city that he lives in believing that it is for the city's best interest. Everything is not politics. In trouble we are all one.

For the first toast the "City Government," Councilman G. H. Taylor was called upon and he received an ovation. He said that what is needed in city governments to-day is results and how to get these results is the great problem of the country. Every member of the Common Council worked hard for the city's best interests but accomplished little as our system of municipal government is sadly in need of reform. He deeply sympathized with the Superintendent of Streets, whose job he thought a wearisome one with the demads of work made upon him by councilmen, aldermen and their friends. He believed in a longer term of office of the Superintendent of Streets. He believed that the public should attend the meetings of the government more than they do.

Alderman Libby was introduced as the "silent alderman from the sand lots of old ward four." He reviewed the growth of old ward four and spoke of his colleagues expressed the belief that they acted for the entire city and not in such a bitterly partisan manner as outsiders would have us believe.

Alderman Goward then was introduced as a wonder on looking after the financial interest of the city. A little man, but a warm one. Alderman Goward said that the finances of the city were an unfathomable oasis of figures and a dilemma. The Committee on Appropriations, he said, is the most important of the city government and in it partisanship disappears before the stern necessity of doing business within the loyal limit. He believed that the membership of the Committee on Accounts should be included in the Committee on Appropriations. It is the citizens and not the members of the government who are extravagant. The members of the city council feel that they must act as their constituents want them. The responsibility lies with the citizen. He believed in giving the Mayor power of appointment and holding him responsible for the expenditure of every cent.

"Rev." Joseph Smith of the Police Department was next called on and he said that the Board of Police have tried to do their duty and they did it well. Of course, when 120 men want 84 licenses there are some who go out and pass opinions on the board. At the end of the year the board gets what the Mayor got, a banquet with a brick in it and I see by the papers that the board have got the first instalment of theirs. It has been said that the board will have nothing to do, but next year thirst will be a crime and the board will see to it that the public is kept thirsty. They will give you a great desert of Sahara without a single oasis. So consult a specialist and stop talking salt food. We will stop these alcohol-days.

Supt. of Schools Whitcomb expressed his gratitude for the privilege of attending such a social gathering as it got the officeholders better acquainted with each other. He then spoke on the importance of the educational department of the government. We do not have to go out of our own state for instructions as to how to run our educational system for we stand at the head in the country in educational affairs and our country leads the world. The members of the City government he said do not get sufficient credit for the good they do for the city. The school board, he said, puts in grand good work without thanks or credit.

Alderman Rivet who knew there was going to be a frost and didn't ran was the next speaker. The Alderman said he had been in hiding all day as a result of that meeting of the salary committee. He thought politics were the curse of Lowell and wished there would be none in next year's government. The aldermen this year were all good men and the councilmen excellent beyond everything.

Councilman Markham the advocate of Winter street, spoke briefly on the work of the council.

Lawrence Cummings, "the Nestor of the press," said that there have been few dishonest men in the city government in the past 17 years. He knew that many of them make mistakes but they are honest mistakes. He believed that the mayor should have the power of appointment without any confirmation for there is one man whom we can get at when any unworthy appointment is made. He spoke on the extravagance of the citizens themselves and said that good men are driven out of office by the importunities of taxpayers.

Col. Pinder who "like the poor will be always with us" as per introduction, said that the pauper department has a family of 400. These are only the inside poor. The outside poor are not so fortunate though that department is being run by a man who is conducting his affairs as economically as any man living could do it. The outside poor department haven't the resources that the inside department has. If the citizens would come to the city farm and see how the money is spent they would not talk so much.

Alderman Cosgrove, "the good looks of the board of aldermen." He hoped that his presence wouldn't give rise to the report that a monstrous deal is on to elect all the republican candidates to which a newspaper always friendly to him, might give a scare head. He knocked the newspapers and advised young men to get their politics in newspaper offices.

Col. Dimon then spoke briefly on the advisability of such reunions as this as it tended to bring members of the government closer together, removed the dangerous feature of partisanship and solidify the unity of action among the council and heads of departments.

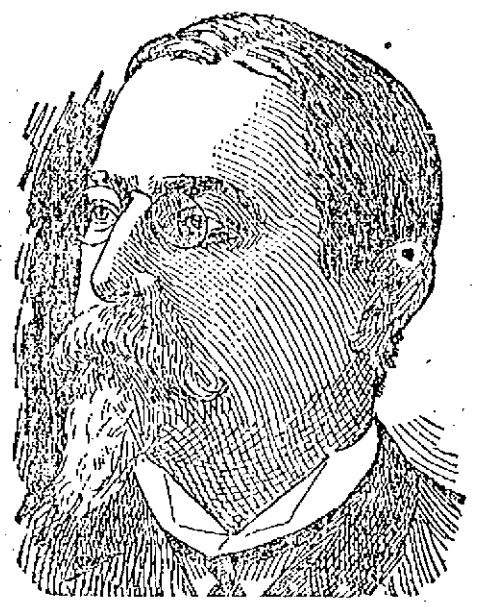
President Weaver of the water board "an authority on microbes," said that under the present system there are no microbes. The water board has no politics in it and all work together for the best interests of the city.

Supt. of Streets Cheney spoke on the expenses of the street department which made it impossible to live within the appropriation. The last snow storm finished up the appropriation.

Councilman C. F. Libby and other members of the city government and heads of departments also spoke and the pleasant affair broke up at a late hour with a general exchange of Christmas greetings, with particularly good wishes for the host of the evening, Col. C. A. R. Dimon.

Among those present were:

Col. C. A. R. Dimon, Mayor Bennett, Aldermen Goward, Rivet, Cosgrove, and Libby; Councilman Taylor, Aldermen Rivet, Councilmen Whittet, Dana, Lane, Bosca, C. Frank Going, A. K. Whitcomb, George Bowers, C. J. Cheney, Councilmen Markham, Fagan, Howe, Smith, Roarke, Merrill, Wilder, Libby, Murkland, and Paige, W. H. Weiser, Councilmen McCluskey, Leighton, Dr. T. B. Smith, Joseph Smith, Lawrence Cummings, J. W. W. Tilton, Peter J. Brady, Matt. Dowling, V. G. Burnard, Herbert Potter, W. P. McCarthy, Major Allen, Col. A. Pinder, Dr. Downs, David Chase, Girard P. Dadmun, Robert Thomas, Frank L. Weaver, Willis P. Burbank, Edward Burns, Robert E. Crowley, Dennis A. Sullivan, John B. Drury, Chief Hosmer, D. N. Pickering, Lewis E. McIlrayne, J. H. Sternberg, James Hearn.



COL. DIMON, Who Banqueted the Present City Government.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL.

Loyal Victoria Lodge, I.O.O.L.M.,U., has elected the following officers: Noble grand, Mrs. Lucy Fernley; vice grand, Miss Margaret Ferguson; elective secretary, Miss Alice Duckworth; permanent secretary, Machel Emslie; treasurer, Mrs. Mary A. Pass; chaplain, Miss Ida Roper; warden, Miss Charlotte Butterfield; conductor, Miss Belle Paige; guard, Miss Nancy Neild; trustee, Mrs. Emma Lord; auditors, Miss Jessie Lynch and Miss Jennie Coble; physician, Dr. Charles L. Sweetsir.

Court Gen. Shields, F. of A., at their regular semi-annual election elected the following officers: Chief ranger, Martin Flaherty; sub chief ranger, Thomas Bourk; treasurer, John A. O'Hearn; financial secretary, James R. Sullivan; recording secretary, Francis J. Mullen; senior woodward, Felix McPartland; junior woodward, Patrick Carty; senior beadle, James Cox; junior beadle, James E. Lang; trustee for three years John E. Mullen and physician, Dr. A. J. Halpin.

Bay State colony, Pilgrim Fathers, have elected the following officers: Governor, James Taylor; lieutenant governor, Mrs. Ella Sawyer; secretary, Carrie L. Corbett; collector, Annie Crawford; treasurer, Dennis Dilworth; chaplain, Louise Williams; sergeant at arms, O. C. Johnson; deputy sergeant at arms, John Murningham; sentinels, Mary Bascom and John Crawford; trustees, Charles Bagley, J. L. Jewett, Charles Carr; pianist, Carrie J. Cor-

WELL KNOWN ORGANIST.

Prof. Reynolds, the well known musical instructor of New Haven, Conn., and a cousin of Rev. John P. Reynolds, O.M.I., of the Sacred Heart church, is to preside at the organ at the services of the latter church on Christmas day.

G. O. Taylor Whitkies, physicians advocate them.

COL. BRYAN, Banqueted Last Night By the Women of Lincoln, but no Kissing. He Told of The Evils Confronting This Country and Says the Future of America is More Important Than That of Cuba or the Philippines.

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A CLEVER CAPTURE

Pickpocket Arrested by Officer Crowley

HE STOLE A POCKETBOOK FROM A WOMAN.

Alleged Burglar Taken in by the Police.

The pickpockets who generally reap a harvest during the Christmas season started in here yesterday and one of them was arrested early in the game by Officers John B. Crowley and Mat. McCann.

In Pollard's, on Thursday, a pickpocket tried to get a pocketbook from a woman but was frustrated though he made his escape.

Yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock Mrs. Joseph Perrenult of 550 Moody street while looking over articles in Knox & Charlton's store on Merrimack street felt some one tugging at her pocketbook. She attempted to catch the thief but he got away and ran down Central street. Officer Mat McCann who was off duty happened around just at this time and upon learning of the robbery obtained a description of the robber and acquainted Officer J. B. Crowley of the fact. The latter had such a man in mind and while they were discussing him the very man came along.

When he saw the officers looking at him closely he broke into a run rushing into the Lowell Inn. The officers ran after him, Officer Crowley going in the front door and the fleet-footed McCann going around to the rear entrance to head him off. Officer Crowley caught his man in the barroom and sent him to the police station.

He gave the name of William Sweeney, aged 17 years, though he appears much older. At first he denied his guilt but later admitted it. The pocketbook contained eight dollars.

WANTED FOR BURGLARY.

Richard Smith, aged 27 years, was arrested for drunkenness Thursday night by Officer Mulony and when he appeared in court Friday morning the inspectors identified him as the man for whom they had been looking for a long time on the charge of breaking and entering. He will appear in court today to answer to several charges of larceny and breaking and entering.

A number of suits of clothes and articles of jewelry that Smith is alleged to have stolen have been recovered and it is claimed that he has committed nearly a dozen different breaks all over the city.

DEATHS.

SANBORN—In the early hours of Sunday morning Mr. George E. Sanborn passed away from this earth to eternal rest. He had been ill about four weeks and the members of the family were around the bedside when he breathed his last. Mr. Sanborn was born in Lowell, Mass., in 1839 and was 59 years and 7 months old. About 30 years ago he came Cohoes and after living in this city for about 5 years he removed to Saratoga, where he made his home for some time. Then he returned to Cohoes in 1881 and resided there until his death. Mr. Sanborn was a respected citizen of Cohoes and many regret sincerely to hear of his death. He was a painter in the employ of James H. Swatling and was one of the most skilful mixers of paints in this section. He attended the Baptist church in Cohoes and was a communicant of the Baptist church at Saratoga. He was a member of Egberts Lodge, K. of P. He is survived by his wife and three sons, William of Schenectady, Edward and James of Cohoes. The funeral will be held from his late residence, 83 Oneider street, at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Interment will be in Oakland cemetery.—Cohoes. The funeral will be held from

O'NEIL—John J. O'Neil, aged 47 years and six months, died at his home 22 Whipple street today. He is survived by a mother, two sisters and five brothers. The funeral will take place Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

CLEARY—John B. Cleary, aged 35 years, died this morning at 139 Colburn street. Funeral tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, from Undertaker O'Donnell's warerooms.

Mr. Walter T. Chase, clerk in the office of the Lowell & Suburban street railway company was yesterday presented with a costly pearl handled pen from President E. M. Tucke as a Christmas gift.

NO DUST.

A Joy to Housekeepers.

Patent Ash Sifter.

The ash pan is put in at the top, turned over, and the worthless ashes are turned out at the bottom by a little shaking. No dust of ashes can escape in the operation. For Sale by

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OLD MACHINERY

From the Wreck of Cervera's Fleet.

AT THE WASHINGTON NAVY YARD.

Some of It Will Be Auctioned.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Washington, Dec. 23.—There is now at the Washington Navy Yard a quantity of marine machinery wrecked from the Cervera fleet after it was sunk around Santiago. This includes launch boilers, torpedo boat engines, hand-pumps and a mass of matter from the Colon and Maria Teresa that would be classed as junk but for its historic associations. The best of the machinery has been ordered shipped to the Naval academy at Annapolis, where it will serve as souvenirs and some of it may be put in sufficient repair to act as models for the engineering classes. The remainder will be broken up or sold at auction.

TOMMY RYAN, the Victor.

DICK O'BRIEN, Who Was Defeated Last Night at Hartford by Tommy Ryan and Was Saved from a Knockout by Police Interference.

GREAT SLUMP IN PRICES.

D. F. Cavanaugh, the tailor at 10 Central street, has made a great reduction in Ladies' Tailor-made suits at prices lower than ever quoted by any tailor in the city; also all the latest shades, styles and patterns in Gent's Clothing. You should take advantage of the mark-down sale and save money as well as having the correct style clothing made in the best possible manner at the lowest price in the city. Remember the place—D. F Cavanaugh, 10 Central street. Lowell's most fashionable tailor.

THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS.

will be spent in Lowell today buying Christmas presents, but it is safe to say there never were so many valuable presents given away in one day at any store in the city as will be given away free today by the New Tea company, opposite the post office on Gorham street. Free electric car passes for those who come a distance and free boxes of Christmas candy to the children will be continued till 11 o'clock tonight.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, } ss.
LUCAS COUNTY.

FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

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FRANK E. DUNN

Charged With Obtaining Money by Fraud.

CASE CONTINUED A FEW DAYS.

At Request of the District Attorney.

Taunton, Mass., Dec. 24.—Frank E. Dunn, of Fall River, was given a hearing in Municipal Court this morning, on the charge of obtaining $200 under false pretenses from George L. Horton of Myricks. Dunn had represented himself as a "General agent of the Associated Press" and as such had engaged Horton to do work, requiring him to put up a cash guarantee. Horton made complaint when he learned that Dunn was not an Associated Press representative. When arraigned Dunn pleaded nolo contendra. Horton testified to the circumstances of paying out the money and also said that restitution in full had been made. Other testimony was offered to the effect that Dunn was not employed by the Associated Press. At the request of the District Attorney, Judge Fox continued the case for a few days for final disposition.

THE GLENMORES.

HELD THEIR SECOND ANNUAL SOCIAL LAST NIGHT.

The Glenmores danced merrily in company with a large gathering of friends in Prescott hall last night. The platform was banked with ferns and tropical plants and holly and in the midst of the foliage was Hibbard's orchestra, the genial "Joe" directing.

At 8 o'clock music was played for a waltz and about 300 couples engaged in the dance.

Last night's was the second annual of the Glenmore's, who are at home on the dance floor as well as the gridiron.

The first social of this popular club was held during the dancing season of last year and its grand success encouraged the members to hold an annual dance.

The officers last night were:

General manager, George B. McKidder; assistant, John W. Clark; floor director, Michael J. Murphy; assistant, John R. Whittaker; aids, Harry C. Ashworth, chief aid; Arthur P. Hinchey, Thomas H. Ashworth, Albert E. Willis, chairman; William H. Trask, Crowell, James E. Mountford.

Reception committee—Samuel R. Willis, chairman; William H. Trask, Edward J. McHugh, Dennis Hilley, Frank Emerson, Frank J. O'Hare.

MADE HAPPY.

SEVERAL THOUSAND CHILDREN GIVEN GIFTS BY HOOD CO.

From early morning until late this afternoon when the office closed, the shipping department of Hood's laboratory was thronged with children who were given Christmas presents by this popular firm. Coupons had been distributed among the school children to the number of several thousand and about that many little ones arose with the sun this morning to receive their gifts. The office was decorated with Christmas trees through which were strung a number of vari-colored incandescent lights. A force of 10 employes was in charge if the distribution of the presents and Johnny Day collected the coupons while Officer Frawley put the youngsters through the preliminary practise of exhibiting the slips entitling them to a gift.

At noon the crush was such that only a limited number of children would be allowed in the distribution room at a time and the process of arrival and exit of the youngsters was so systematic as to cause no accidents. Otherwise it might have been that several of the little ones would have been hurt in the mad rush "to be in time." Each child was given a beautiful calendar enclosed in an attractive envelope advertising Hood's remedies. They were also presented an interesting war game.

Just give me a start said a man looking for Christmas presents, and he landed in Gaynor & Co.'s Furniture store, 35 Prescott street and was made happy with his bargains.

Dr. R. J. Mansfield, a well known physician of this city, and a Harvard graduate, is a candidate for the position of court physician in Court Merdimack, F. of A. The election will take place next Tuesday.

POLICE COURT.

"I'm going to take the pledge after Christmas, your Honor," said one of the drunks, whom Judge Hadley asked to stop drinking this morning.

"After Christmas?" queried the court with emphasis on the "after."

"Yes, Your Honor," as soon as Christmas is over, I'll take it," answered the man in the dock.

"Then I think I'll take care of you until Tuesday when with the holiday over we can talk about the matter," decided the court, sending the man to jail until Tuesday in default of $200 bonds.

There were five drunks.

Winifred Mulroy, a young girl who might have been very pretty were it not for her waywardness, was sent to Sherborn for one year for drunkenness, the court expressing regret at not being privileged to send her a better home.

William G. Sweeney, the young man caught picking pockets yesterday pleaded guilty and was sent to the Massachusetts Reformatory.

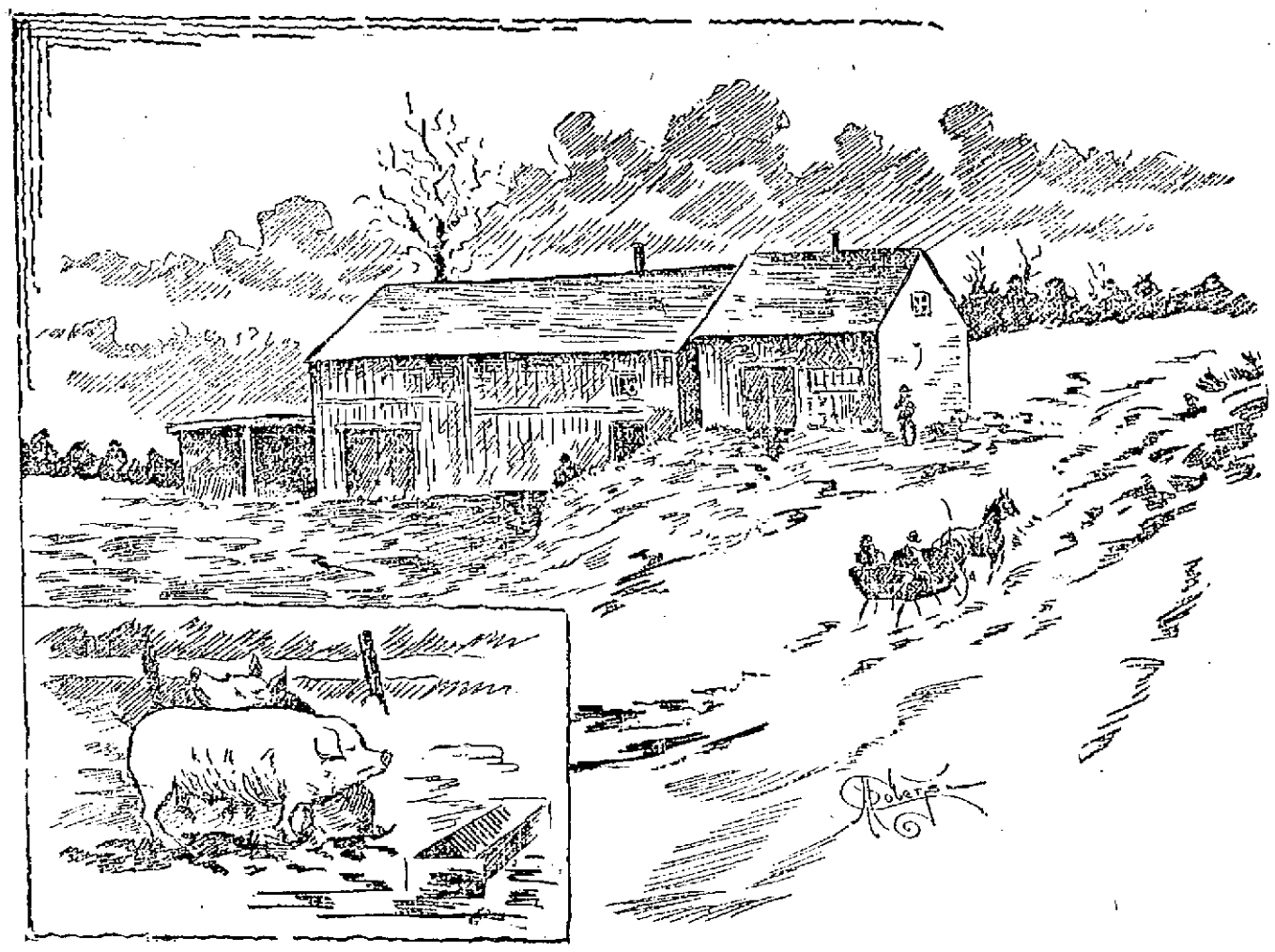
FUNERALS.

O'BRIEN—The funeral of the late Terrence O'Brien took place this forenoon from the Sacred Heart church and was largely attended. A requiem mass was celebrated by the pastor, Rev. John P. Reynolds, O.M.I. The choir, under the direction of Miss Adelaide Sullivan, rendered the Gregorian chant. The interment was in the Catholic cemetery, Undertaker Davey in charge.

The bearers were Messrs. Patrick O'Neil, John Hinchey, James McLean and Thomas Muldoon.

CASTORIA.

Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought



Sketch of a Large Piggery in the Highlands, in Which Certain Board of Health Employes are Said to be Interested and Which is Likely to be the Subject Of Another Investigation.

CHRISTMAS BELLS

Grand Musical Program in the Churches.

CELEBRATING GREATEST CHRISTIAN FEAST.

Augmented Choirs and Inspiring Hymns.

In the Catholic and Episcopal churches the Christmas festival will be observed tomorrow as in some others, although the following day is a legal holiday on which in a secular aspect the feast will be duly celebrated.

As usual some excellent musical programs will be presented, among them being the following:

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

Solemn High Mass 10.30 a.m.

Asperges .....Haggerty
Introit .....Gregorian
Graduale .....Gregorian
Mass in A .....Cherubini
Offertory (Noel).....Van Reyschoot
Postlude (Date Sonitum) .....Costa

Solemn Vespers 6.30 p. m.

Domine Ad.....Emmerich
Dixit Dominus.....Emmerich
Confitebor .....Emmerich
Beatus Vir.....Emmerich
De Profundis.....Stephenson
Memento Domini David.....Stephenson
"Jesu Redemptor" .....Haggerty
Magnificat.....Lambillotte
Alma .....Hamlet
O Salutaris .....Gounod
Tantum Ergo.....Rossini

The service will conclude with the singing of the Christmas hymn, "Birth of the Child King." The words are by P. J. Lynch, formerly of this city, and the music is by John E. Daniels of Boston.

The choir will number 60 voices and will be directed by Prof. Haggerty, and assisted by the American orchestra. The soloists will be Misses McCaffrey, Gorman, Mr. James Murphy and Mr. David P. Martin.

ST. PETER'S.

Mass at 10.30 a. m.

Organ Prelude .....Creighton
Kyrie .....Weber
Gloria .....Weber
Veni Creator .....Millard
Offertory, "Adeste Fideles"...Novello
Credo .....Weber
Sanctus .....Weber
Agnus Dei.....La Hache
Postlude Organ.

Chorus of thirty voices. Soloists—Soprano, Mrs. George Wilkins; altos, Miss Nano Gallagher, Mrs. Cunningham; tenors, Mr. C. Calnin, Mr. A. Healy; bass, Mr. Ed. Martin; baritone, Mr. James Donnelly; organist, Mrs. John McKennedy.

Vespers at 7 p. m.

Domine .....Millard
Dixit Dominus .....Millard
Confitebor.....Est
Beatus Vir .....Est
Laudate Pueri .....Zingarelli
Laudate Dominum ..... Est
Glory to God.....Rotili
Alma .....Pleyel
O Salutaris.....Mercier
Tantum Ergo.....Lambillotte
Christmas Hymn .....Daniels

ST. PATRICK'S.

Solemn High Mass at 10.30.

Prelude, Organ and Orchestra.
Asperges .....Werner
Hayden's Imperial Mass.
Veni Creator.
Splendente te Deus, Offertorium.....Mozart
"Birth of the Child King"
Words by P. J. Lynch; music by J. E. Daniels.
Postlude, Organ and Orchestra.

Vesper Service at 7 p.m.

Prelude, Organ and Orchestra.
Domini Ad.....Millard
Dixit Dominus .....Millard
Confitebor .....Bristow
Beatus Vir .....Bristow
De Profundis
Memento Domini David.....Schmidt
Hymn, "Jesu Redemptor".....Mozart
Magnificat .....Emmerich
Alma Redemptor.....Mozart
O Salutaris .....Pecher
Tantum Ergo .....Berge
Laudate Dominum Omnes Gentes.....Newland
Te Deum, grand chorus by choir and congregation.

The choir will be assisted at both services by Hibbard's orchestra.

M. J. Johnson, organist; E. F. Faulkner, director.

ST. MICHAEL'S

Solemn High Mass 10.30 a. m.

Asperges .....Mozart
Mass .....Mozart's No. 12
Offertory, Oratorio Pour Noel...Lambillotte
Lauda Sion .....Lambillotte

Evening Services.

Solemn Vespers 7 p. m.

Vespers .....Millard
Hymn, Adeste Fideles .....Mozart
Magnificat .....Lambillotte
Anthem, Alma .....Mozart
O Salutaris .....Edwards
Tantum Ergo .....Rossini
Lauda Sion .....Lambillotte

A chorus of 50 voices. Soloists, soprano, Mrs. Mary Kelley, Miss Mary Fox, Miss Bessie O'Neil, Miss Hampson; altos, Miss Margaret Walsh, Miss Kittie Conway; tenor, Mr. John Warburton; bass, David M. McHugh; organist, Miss Theresa Corbett; director, John Warburton.

SACRED HEART.

Solemn High Mass 10.30 a. m.

Asperges .....Weber
Kyrie .....Lambillotte
Gloria .....Rosewig
Veni Creator .....Von La Hache
Credo .....Rosewig
Offertory, "Adeste Fideles."
Sanctus .....Rosewig
Benedictus .....Rosewig
Agnus Dei .....Rosewig

Vespers at 3 p. m.

Domine Ad .....Gregorian
Psalms .....Gregorian
Hymn, "Jesu Redemptor".....Mozart
Magnificat .....Lambillotte
"O Holy Night".....Adolphe Adam
"O Salutaris".....De Doss
"Tantum Ergo".....Rossini
"Laudate Dominum".....Est

Solos by members of the choir, assisted by a chorus of 40 voices. Miss Adelaide A. Sullivan, organist and director.

ST. JOSEPH'S.

Entree, "Airs de Noel"
Ed. Vincelette.
Introit, Plain Chant.
Messe Pro Pace .....Von La Hache

Soloistes—Mlles Elodie Gagnon Pratte, Ida Tarte, Yvonne et Antoinette Montmarquette et Mongrain.

Soloistes—Ferdinand Desrosiers, Dr. A. J. Gagnon, Telesphore Malo.
Offertoire, "Ave Maria"....Mascagni
Violin Obligato, Thomas Sullivan.
Sortie
Ed. Vincelette.

Vespers.

Plain Chant.
Magnificat .....Lambillotte
Solo.
Dr. J. A. Gagnon.
O Salutaris .....B. Hemma
Duo,
Mlle Elodie Gagnon, M. Victor Lesage.
Adeste Fideles .....Novello
Choir.
Tantum Ergo .....Lambillotte
Ed. Vincelette organist; H. A. Ra-
Ed. Vincelette, organist; H. A. Ra-

FIRST BAPTIST.

Morning.

Organ Prelude .....Christmas Pasorale
Mr. A. F. French.
Anthem, "Unto us a Child is Born
Ladies' Chorus, "Glory be to the Lamb"
Duet, "When Christ Was Born"
Mr. O. N. Walch, Mr. Warren T. Reid
Male Chorus, "That Song of Old"

Evening.

Organ Prelude, Pastorale.
Anthem, "A Savior Which is Christ the Lord."
Quartet, "The Chimes of Christmas Morn."
Mrs. W. H. Pepin, Miss Lena M. Reid
Mr. O. N. Walch, Mr. W. T. Reid, with violin obligato by Mr. Joseph P. O'Dwyer.
Soprano Solo, "The Christmas Herald"
Mrs. Pepin, with violin obligato by Mr. O'Dwyer.
Male Quartet, "Glory to God in the Highest,"
Mr. O. N. Walch, Herbert R. Baker Warren G. Reid, Arthur L. Symmes.
J. Avison Baker, musical director.

ST. PAUL'S M. E. CHURCH.

Morning service at 10.30; evening at 6.30. Rev. L. W. Staples will preach in the morning; subject, "Opening the Spice Box." Evening subject, "Childhood of Christ;" illustrated.

Morning Music.

"Come Ye Faithful".....Schnecker
"Hark the Christmas Bells"...Manney
"Glory to God in the Highest" Hanscom
"Sanctus" .....Gounod

Evening Music.

"Sing O Heavens".....Tours
"Prince of Peace".....Hanscom
"Angels from the Realm of Glory" Bullard.

The choir will be sopranos, Mrs. Chas. Jenkins, Miss Rae Storell; altos, Mrs. F. L. Roberts, Miss Maud Marshall; tenors, Arthur Warren, George B. Adams; basses, Frank B. Murphy, Burton H. Preston; Charles V. Barker, organist; Frank B. Murphy, director.

HOUSE OF PRAYER.

Walker street, near Grove, Rev. Warner E. L. Ward, pastor. Plain celebration at 6.30 a. m. Choral Eucharist 10.45 a. m.

Organ Prelude, "Chorus of Angels".... Clark
Processional Hymn,.....56
Introit, Hymn.....49
Kyrie .....Cruickshank
Graduale, "Away in a Manger."
Gloria Tibi, Gratias Tibi...Cruickshank
Credo .....Cruickshank
Hymn 60
Offertorium, solo, "Glory to God" Rotoli
Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus ..... Cruickshank
Gloria in Excelsis.....Cruickshank
Nunc Dimittis.....Simper
Retrocessional Hymn .....Batiste
Organ Prelude.

Children's Vespers 4 p. m.

Processional Hymn.....56
Psalm 111
Vesper Hymn, "Away in a Manger"
Magnificat .....Simper
Hymn 58
Offertorium Hymn.....55
Retrocessional Hymn.....51

Evensong 7 p. m.

Organ Prelude.....Batiste
Processional Hymn, Proper Psalms, Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, Solo "Holy Night;" Hymn, Offertorium, solo; Retrocessional Hymn; Organ Postlude.

The choir will be supplemented by female voices and the solos will be rendered by Miss Caroline Richardson Mrs. Ward and Masters Herbert Hunt and Rupert Ripley. Mr. Albert Asquith, organist of the church, will preside at the organ.

CHARLES E ADAMS

Sketch of His Interesting Career

IN THE LADIES' HOME JOURNAL.

One of Lowell's Most Progressive Citizens.

The last number of the Boston Home Journal published an excellent half tone portrait of our distinguished townsman, Hon. Charles E. Adams, president of the state board of trade, together with a biographical sketch.

Although he is a native of Lowell, as well as a present resident of that city, Charles E. Adams has many family affiliations with the nearer vicinity of Boston. He is a descendant in the seventh generation of Roger Adams of Brookline, who came to New England in 1645 or thereabouts, and married Mary, daughter of Thomas Barker in 1674, dying in 1714. C. E. Adam's great-grandfather, Smith Adams of Newton, was in the battles of Lexington and Concord. Mr. Adams was born April 16, 1841, in Lowell, son of Elisha and Sally Howe (Prouty) Adams. He was educated in the Lowell public schools and began business life as a clerk in a retail hardware store in Lowell, afterward becoming salesman for a wholesale house in the same line in New York.

He remained six years in New York, and then spent a year in Cincinatti. In August, 1868, he returned to Lowell and opened a hardware and mill supplies store at 185 Middlesex street. He is still located on the same street, and is in the same line of business but his establishment has vastly increased in size and importance from its humble beginning, now occupying the stores numbered 404, 408 and 410 Middlesex street.

Of late years Mr. Adams has secured the attention of business men throughout the state by his interest in the concerted work of business men. He suggested the idea of its formation and was one of the founders of the state board of trade composed of thirty-eight boards of trade and business associations, representing the mercantile and industrial interests of the commonwealth, and on its organization, October 30, 1890, was made its president, which position he still holds. He is also prominent in other trade organizations, being an active member of the New England Hardware Dealers' association, of the New England Paint and Oil club.

He has been president of the Bradley-Stone Electric Storage company, and director of many telegraph and telephone companies, as well as of the Lowell, Lawrence & Haverhill Electric Street Railway company. In 1889 and 1890 he served as president of the Lowell Board of Trade, and has represented Lowell in the legislature, as well as serving as United States alternate commissioner from Massachusetts at the Columbian exposition. Lately he has been appointed by the governor a commissioners to the Paris exposition.

Mr. Adams, as will be seen, is eminently a man of affairs. His business interests are important and varied, but at the same time his social side is amply cultivated. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, a member of the Order of Odd Fellows and of the Royal Arcanum. He belongs to the Highland, Country and Vesper clubs of Lowell and to the Massachusetts Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, being a member of the board of managers. He also has membership in the Massachusetts club of this city.

On Dec. 10, 1873, Mr. Adams, of whom an excellent portrait appears on the first page of that issue of the Home Journal, was married to Miss Ida Mary Bartlett of Antrim, N. H.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

PROVED THE CITY ELECTION IN SPECIAL MEETING TODAY.

A special meeting of the board of aldermen was held at City Hall this morning for the purpose of proving the recent election. There were present Mayor Bennett and Aldermen Pierce, Rivet, Libby, Derby and Howard. The meeting came to order at 11 o'clock. While waiting for the beginning of the meeting Alderman Peirce suggested that the four horses of the lands and buildings committee now being boarded at McNulty's and Conant's stables, be taken to the city stable where there are plenty of vacant stalls. The mayor appointed Alderman Peirce a committee of one to look up the matter.

City Clerk Dadman then read the report of the registrars of voters on the recent recount and the report was placed on file.

An order introduced by Alderman Peirce to recognize the results of the recount was adopted and the meeting adjourned.

The committee on salaries will meet at 4.30 this afternoon.

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This is a true statement and it can't be made too strong or too emphatic.
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Clements, Marshall and Sunshine, in their comedy and versatile sketch, "MY FRIEND FROM INDIANA," including Coon Songs, Dances, etc.
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the ghastly terror of consumption stares a man in the face who neglects a cold.
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It's so simple to get rid of a cough or throat trouble by Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tar. Acts like magic. Sold by druggists.
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KNOWN WORTH.
By the cures it shall be known. Medicine is no good unless it cures. It's all good if it cures. For cold in the head, rose cold and nasal affections get
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About Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets.
They Cure Stomach Troubles and Indigestion Anyway, Whether You have Faith in Them or Not.
Mere faith will not digest your food for you, will not give you an appetite, will not increase your flesh and strengthen your nerves, heart, but Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets will do these things, because they are composed of the elements of digestion, they contain the juices, acids and peptones necessary to the digestion and assimilation of all wholesome food.
Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets will digest food if placed in a jar or bottle in water heated to 98 degrees and they will do it much more effectively when taken into the stomach after meals, whether you have faith that they will or not.
They invigorate the stomach, make pure blood and strong nerves, in the only way that nature can do it, and that is, from plenty of wholesome food well digested. It is not what we eat, but what we digest that does us good.
Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are sold by nearly all druggists at 50c cents for full sized package or by mail from the F. A. Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich.

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All the new War Games, as well as the old time favorites, The Battle of Manila, The Siege of Havana, Pinetto, Ten Pins, etc. etc.
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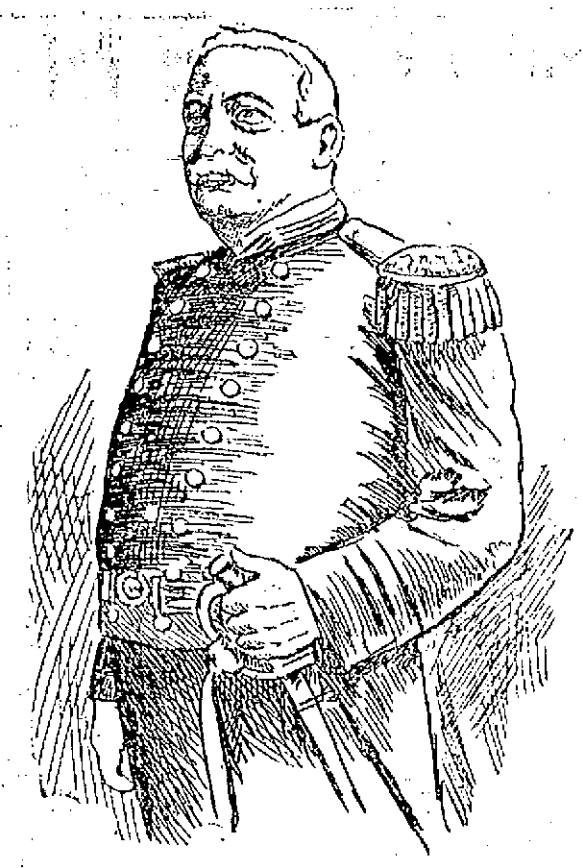

COM. ALBERT KANTZ, U.S.N., Who Will be Promoted to an Admiral.

DEMAND SURELY COMING

FALL RIVER OPERATIVES WILL ASK TO HAVE WAGES RESTORED.

The Fall River correspondent of the Providence Journal says: Just what form the movement of the operatives will take under the changed conditions which have made a margin between the price of the finished product and the cost of labor and the raw material, from which profits are likely to be extracted, is not known but it is useless to shut the eyes to the fact that the help will make a demand for a restoration of the schedule at the first opportunity.

As has been reported, the leaders of the unions have already discussed the subject, and while there has been nothing said that would indicate that there will be undue haste in the attempt to convince manufacturers that they ought to look at the situation from the standpoint of the employes, it is no secret that the improvement in the market has not escaped their attention and that they are restless. Whatever may be the case in smaller communities, in which the toilers are not organized, in the larger manufacturing centers this wage question is perpetually before the public and experience has taught investors that they must take it into account when they bid on stocks.

The argument on the side of capital just now is that there is no guarantee that there will not be a reaction, and that prices will not drop; that many companies have had a struggle for several years to make both ends meet, and that all of the corporations should have an opportunity to get on to their feet before an agitation calculated to increase expenses is commenced.

On the other side, it is urged that the depression has deprived many people of the luxuries of life, to say nothing of what were once regarded as the necessaries, that the majority are naturally more deeply interested in their incomes than in dividends and that it is well to petition for higher pay at an early date, because there is sure to be a controversy which will result in delay.

Still, as intimated, the spinners and weavers are inclined to be conservative, and it would not be surprising if they held back until Spring. They know that the situation has not been misrepresented, and that there has been no money in the business for anybody, and they at least suspect that agents and directors are in no mood to listen to an appeal calculated to add to the running expenses at the end of the first month of good trade.

This matter will be taken up at the next general meeting of the Weavers' Progressive association, and has already been discussed by the executive committee of the Spinners' union.

WHAT BOOKS

ARE BEST ADAPTED FOR XMAS PRESENTS.

Mr. Editor:

Can you give me a few hints on the right kind of a book to buy for a Christmas present; as in looking over the endless number, I see as good looking books for 49 cents as you can get elsewhere for a dollar. Please state the difference and why there is such a wide range in the price of books and oblige,

—A Sun Reader.

Some of the best books are cheap because they are free from copyright and sold everywhere; but nobody, it seems would appreciate a present of such a book, however good, as there are few who have not read them and anybody who wants one of them, can get them so cheaply. When selecting a book, you must consider the intelligence and the taste of the person who is to receive it. For a person who can appreciate good literature and something that is first-class, while having the advantage of being the latest thing out, you will make no mistake by selecting any of the following works: The Battle of the Strong by Gilbert Parker; The Day's Work by Kipling; Historic Towns of New England by Powell; A Year From a Reporter's Note Book by Richard Harding Davis; Recollections of the Civil War by the late Charles A. Dana; Cannon and Camera by J. C. Hemment. This book gives photographic views of every battle in the late war. The Castle Inn by Stanley J. Weyman; A Desert Drama or tragedy of the Korosko by A. Conan Doyle; Great Books by Farrar; The True Ben Franklin by Fisher; China and Transformation by A. R. Colquoun. This is a most instructive book on civil and political life and like Harding Davis's book is a most fascinating work. The latter gives an account of the Czar and the most thrilling scenes of the Cuban war. Other books, any of which would make a most acceptable present are Illustrated Rome, Venice, Florence and Paris, all pictorial work of rare excellence.

For a youth or a parent who is anxious to do the best possible for his boys, there are two new books which are unexcelled. One is What Shall Our Boys Do for a Living? by Rev. Mr. Whislip a distinguished educator of Boston and the other just published is The Secret of Achievement by Orison Swett Marden, one of the best writers on such subjects that is known to the English language. He far excels Dr. Stolles or any of those who have essayed to write for the guidance of youth in the attainment of success. All these books are for sale at Lawler's, Corner of Merrimack and John streets and all have the advantage of novelty as well as of being by standard authors whose names are a guarantee of excellence.

POISONED BY SAUSAGES.

A NEW BEDFORD MAN FOUND IN HALF COMATOSE STATE.

Eating sausages endangered the life of William King, who resides on Hecla street, New Bedford, Wednesday, and he has not yet recovered from the ill effects of his experience of Wednesday. Mr. King, who is employed by the New Bedford Copper company, ate the sausages for his dinner yesterday. In the afternoon he was taken suddenly ill, and his condition became so serious that he had to be taken home in a carriage. Dr. George Barnes attended the man and found him to be in a half comatose state. His hands and arms were abnormally swollen and he was suffering from violent pains in the stomach and head. Dr. Barnes pronounced it a case of poisoning caused by diseased pork which had been put into the sausages.

COMPANY TO DISBAND.

The members of fire engine company No. 1, of Georgetown have voted to disband. Since the burning of the town hall, the company has been severely criticised for the work done that evening. The men claim they did as well as they could and have resigned to make way for others, thus leaving the town without an engine company.

Miss Jane E. Warfield entertained the members of her Sunday school class at her home on Pawtucket street Thursday evening.

Mrs. Edward P. Remick of Barnston, P. Q., has arrived here to spend Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Pierce of Chelmsford street.

James F. Cahill, an employe of the Arlington hotel, has resigned his position and will leave for Chicago where he has secured a position.

TWO NEW CLUES

May Lead to Identification of Burglar.

WHO WAS KILLED IN QUINCY.

Police Officials Investigating the Matter.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Quincy, Mass., Dec. 23.—Two clues which may lead to the identification of the man who was found dead in the home of John Shaw in this city, yesterday morning, with the bullet wound in his breast, were brought to light about noon today. Noah Smith, a salesman in a Boston clothing store viewed the body and at once identified it as of a man to whom he had sold a suit of clothes on December 13.

Another man, a prominent citizen of Waltham, say the police, after having gained from the authorities a promise that his name would not be made public, said he was positive the dead man was a former employe of his, but that he had not worked for him for about seven years. He gave the officers who are at work on the case such information as he could, and this afternoon Chief Litchfield and Inspector Ferguson started out to further investigate the case. They are confident that the identification of the man will be soon determined.

STEAMER FLOATED.

IT IS THOUGHT SHE IS NOT SERIOUSLY DAMAGED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Boston, Dec. 23.—Steamer John J. Hill Captain McLean from New York for Hillsboro, N. B., in ballast, which sought shelter in Nantucket road during the storm of November 27 th, and was driven ashore on the beach at Wollaston, was floated this morning by tugs and towed to Simpson's dry dock, East Boston, for examination. A channel was dredged to the steamer, as she was so far from the waterit was impossible to float her in another way. It is thought the vessel is not seriously damaged.

SCHOONER WENT ASHORE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Boston, Dec. 23.—The fishing schooner Minnehaha, bound inward from a fishing trip, went ashore off Hull this afternoon. The vessel is full of water. The crew launched their dories and rowed to this city.

FOUND NOT GUILTY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 23.—The jury has returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of W. F. Bechel, ex-auditor of the Pacific Express company, charged with embezzlement.

AMERICAN TROOPS.

WILL BE SENT TO CUBA IN SUFFICIENT NUMBERS

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Washington, Dec. 23.—There is every evidence in the war department that strenuous efforts are making to put enough American troops in Cuba to meet any call upon them through the speedy evacuation of the Spanish garrisons. All the transports available at Atlantic ports are being perpared under rush orders for sailing south.

DEPARTMENTS WILL CLOSE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Washington, Dec. 23.—An agreement was reached at the meeting of the cabinet today for the closing of all the executive departments at noon on the Saturdays before Christmas and New Year's Day. They are closed by law on the days observed as Christmas and New Year's day, so that when they are closed at noon tomorrow the ywill not be re-opened for business until Tuesday morning next.

Dr. George B. Shattuck of the John Hopkins University and Mrs. Shattuck are spending the holidays in Lowell. Dr. Shattuck is the son of H. B. Shattuck and is a graduate of the Lowell High school.

Mr. T. W. Greenslitt, for several years connected with the advertising department of C. I. Hood & Co., has accepted the position of manager of the advertising department of the Erie Telegraph and Telephone company.

INDIGESTION, Constipation, Biliousness, Dyspepsia, Dizziness, and many other troubles of the Stomach, Liver and Bowels need not be endured. There is now on the market in convenient form a true and tried prescription for the speedy relief and permanent cure of these ills. The remedy has long been used with perfect success in all the best hospitals of the world, and is rapidly coming into general use by the people.

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Are prepared in convenient form to carry in the pocket. One taken after meals insures perfect digestion and freedom from all troubles of the Stomach, Liver, and Bowels. These tablets do not purge, and are safe to use by the most delicate woman or child. Keep them with you always. They cure to stay cured. Sold by all druggists, 10c., 25c., 50c. Mailed postpaid on receipt of price by the Semit Chemical Co., Brockton, Mass.

DESPERATE FIGHT

Burglars Followed by Posse of Men.

One of Them Cornered and Captured After a Great Struggle, by a Man Whom He Had Shot—The Other Still at Large.

Utica, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Mrs. Margaret Brown, a widow reported to be wealthy resides near Casaville, 16 miles from this city, on a farm. This morning about 2 o'clock she discovered two men going toward her barn. She called her son and the hired man, John Mooney. Young Brown and Mooney went out, one carrying a shot gun, and the other a revolver. They shouted to the strangers asking what was wanted. At that one of them turned and fired a revolver towards the boys. Mooney was struck by a bullet in the abdomen and fell to the ground. Brown fired at the strangers and they ran to the road, jumped into a cutter and drove toward Utica. They were followed later by James Beard, a bridge builder. One of the men drew a revolver and fired but he did not hit Beard. Others joined in the chase and the men took to the flats. There they separated and the pursuers organized into two parties. Beard led a party after one who went towards the hills north of the city. This man fired repeatedly and one of the bullets struck Beard in the left arm. When cornered the burglar jumped into the Mohawk river and swam across through the floating ice. His pursuers went around by a bridge and finally Beard, wounded and bloody, came upon the man who had shot him. Then took place an encounter in a patch of woods two or three miles from where the chase began. Beard was wounded again by a shot at short range, but he held his prisoner and when the others came up the fellow was tied to a sleigh and brought across the river to Yorkville.

The second burglar ran farther westward and a posse of men are chasing him across the hills.

THE INSURGENTS

Have Several Engagements With the Spaniards.

MANY OF THE LATTER KILLED.

Aguinaldo Will Release Spanish Prisoners.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Madrid, Dec. 23.—According to a dispatch received here from Iloilo, Island of Panay, several engagements have taken place between the Spaniards and the insurgents and many of the latter have been killed or wounded.

It is asserted that Aguinaldo has cabled to the government saying that he will shortly release the Spanish prisoners in the hands of the insurgents. This statement, however, has not been confirmed.

There is much comment upon the conference that has just taken place between Marshals Martinez de Campos, Primo de Rivera, Blanco and Dominguez.

The Minister of the Colonies, Senor Giron, announces that the payment of the coupons of the Cuban mortgage bonds has been assured.

VERDICT FOR PLAINTIFF.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Concord, N. H., Dec. 23.—In the case of Chamberlin vs. Stevens, a suit for $10,000 damage, on account of injuries received in defendant's mill at Franklin, the United States court jury this morning brought in a verdict for $1500 damages.

WAR AGAINST SCHOONERS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 23.—The Dominion customs authorities have begun a war of extermination on the fleet of sloops and schooners, the majority of which are American vessels hailing from Puget Sound, which have made considerable money and defrauded the customs of considerable money by the sale of their contraband goods to the Indians and other settlers along the British Columbia northern coast line.

THE MOORE TRIAL

Mrs. Moore Denies Having Made a Confession.

AN ENTRY FROM HER DIARY

Gave Evidence of Relations With Ellis.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

New York, Dec. 23.—The trial of the blackmailing Fayne Strahan Moore was continued to-day. Recorder Goff announced that sentence would not be passed on William A. Moore, during the present proceedings.

Mrs. Moore was re-called. She denied having confessed to Mrs. Johnson in the Tombs. Mrs. Moore said that Mrs. Johnson told her she (Mrs. Johnson) had been sent by Martin Mahon who said that he did not believe her guilty of complicity in the robbery.

Mr. McIntyre then began his cross-examination. Mrs. Moore said she came to New York in June in 1896.

Mrs. Moore refused to give the name of the gentleman with whom she traveled to Europe. Mrs. Moore proceeded to deny various allegations of immorality implied by the questions of the cross-examination. An entry from Mrs. Moore's diary gave evidence of her intimacy with Ellis, the colored man, who has been frequently referred to during the trial.

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GEN. MILES TALKS

On the Bad Beef Supply in in Cuba.

CHEMICALS USED IN FOOD CAUSED SICKNESS.

Army Tents Were Scarce and Poor.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 23.—General Miles has returned to Washington after being the guest of honor here last night at the New England banquet. The Commercial-Tribune has the following interview with him:

"My suspicions were aroused several months ago and I at once instituted an investigation into the matter of sending beef to the army in the West Indies. The reference in my testimony of Wednesday, relating to 337 tons of refrigerator beef and 198,000 pounds of canned fresh beef, which was unfit for food, is only an item.

"This quantity was sent to one town in Porto Rico alone. How much more was sent to Porto Rico I do not know."

"How was the beef supply for the army in Cuba?"

"It was just as bad. The conditions there were no better than they were in Porto Rico, as I indicated in my testimony."

"How about rations before the army embarked? Was the supply no better before the transports sailed than after the army was established in Cuba?"

"It was the same at Tampa and the same at Jacksonville."

"Will you give a little more light as to what you meant by this assertion in your testimony before the war commission Wednesday?"

General Miles had suggested that the food was sent to this large army under "Pretense of an experiment."

"I think," continued General Miles, that the sentence is sufficiently plain. 'Pretense' is the precise term to use. It is absurd to pretend that these enormous quantities of beef were sent to an entire army simply as an experiment. To expect that the beef can be exposed to tropical sun for sixty hours without mortifying, is out of the question."

"How about the chemicals used in preparing this beef?"

"As I stated in my testimony, I believe that the action of these chemicals was largely responsible for the sickness in the army. I have medical authority for this statement and I believe it to be true."

"How far along has your own investigation into this subject progressed?"

"It began several months ago. I have the testimony of a large number of officers and men upon this matter, some of which I gave in my testimony before the commission. My inquiry is still in progress and some of the most important information I have received has been acquired in the last few days."

"What channel will this investigation take upon its conculsion?"

"I will not discuss that. It is my duty to investigate any wrong existing in the army and that I am now doing in the regular military manner. The work is not completed yet, and until it is done, I will have nothing more to add to the statement made before the commission."

"What was the matter with the tents?"

"There were not enough of them. They were not suited to stand the weather and some of them were poor."

GREAT BRITAIN.

IS WILLING THAT UNITED STATES BUILD NICARAGUA CANAL.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

London, Dec. 23.—There seems to be little doubt that Great Britain will agree to abrogate the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. The temper of the cabinet and public opinion, which largely influences the government's policy, points to such action, though no definite understanding with the United States has yet been made. Great Britain desires that the Nicaraguan canal be constructed and is willing that the United States should control it if the United States guarantees its neutrality and safeguards British interests.

G. O. Taylor Whiskey, [illegible]

WAR COMMISSION

Heard Testimony of Gen. Howard Today.

CAMPS WERE IN GOOD CONDITION.

Confusion in the Railway Arrangement.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The war investigation commission today was reduced to two members, Chief of Engineers Gen. John M. Wilson and Col. Denby.

Gen. Wilson has practically transferred his war department office to the commission's quarters and today Col. Denby officiated as interrogator with Gen. O. O. Howard (retired), in the witness chair.

Gen. Howard told how disappointed he had been in not securing assignment for active service during the war and how he had done the next best thing for his country by accepting the office of visiting delegate for the army and navy Christian committee and distributing tracts and other things through the southern camps. He said these camps as a rule were in good condition but he noticed confusion in the railway arrangements at Tampa, an inundation of beer in one colored camp there and a plague of flies on his second visit to Mobile. He went at some length into the question of odors at Camp Thomas during July where he said they were varied and repulsive.

Regarding Gen. Lee's command at Jacksonville, Gen. Howard said he had not believed it possible before for a camp to be kept in such a fine condition.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

IS GOING TO BE THOROUGHLY ORGANIZED IN WASHINGTON.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 23—A definite step toward organizing the democratic voters of this state for the next presidential campaign has been taken up by Chairman Jones of the state central committee. In a circular letter by Chairman Jones and Secretary Maloney of the democratic state central committee. In a circular letter they state that subscriptions have been opened in every precinct for the purpose of securing the subscriptions of voters who will pay no less than 25 cents a month during the next two years for the purpose of conducting a campaign on Jeffersonian and Jacksonian lines. When sufficient funds are pledged, headquarters will be opened.

LEGAL CONTEST.

OVER THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN FOR A CHILD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Portland, Me., Dec. 22.—Judge Peabody of the probate court today heard and reserved his decision in a very interesting case. The evidence brought out the following particulars:

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ellis of Lowell, Mass., while temporarily at Bridgeton, adopted a girl baby named Gertrude J. Sharpe. Trouble arose between the couple, and the baby was sent to the house of Mrs. Ida M. Warren of Bridgton, where she remained. The child had taken or been given the name of Gertrude Evelyn Ellis for her adopted parents.

Last June Mr. Ellis, then a resident of Lowell, became insane, and while in that condition killed his wife and committed suicide, thus terminating their adoption of the child. Mr. Ellis was a member of the Royal Arcanum, which entitled his heir to a benefit of $3000. The child was his heir, but a bylaw of the order forbids the payments of the money to any person but the legally appointed guardian.

Inasmuch as Mr. Ellis was the adopted parent, his death makes it necessary that a new one shall be appointed before the legacy can be enjoyed.

This hearing was a contest between the parties who want to be appointed to that office. There are three of them—Mrs. Sharpe, the mother of the child, who is a sister to Mr. Ellis; Mrs. Warren of Brighton, with whom the child has been living, and James H. Whitworth of Lowell, Mass, a police officer, who intervenes on the strength of a request from Mr. Ellis' mother, who lives in England, that he should be appointed and should protect the child.

Mrs. Warren and Mrs. Sharpe have made an arrangement whereby the child shall remain with Mrs. Warren for a period of two years, and after that she is to go to Mrs. Sharpe; so in reality these two are together contesting the case against Mr. Whitworth.

The latter claims that the other petitioners are not prepared to furnish a suitable home for the child, and requests that the court shall appoint him to the position.

John W. McEvoy, Esq. of Lowell represents Mr. Whitworth. Perry & Cleaves appeared for Mrs. Sharpe and D. Eugene Chaplin for Mrs. Warren.

THE WEATHER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Boston, Dec. 23.—Forecast for Boston and vicinity: Fair, colder tonight and Saturday; west to northwest winds, increasing in force.

Love that Alters.

"Love is not love that alters when it alteration finds."

That is one of the sublimest lines in all literature. It is the final definition of love by the world's greatest reader of the human mind,—Shakespeare. Nearly all women who truly love, love in this sublime way. Men seldom do.

Woman's most glorious endowment is the power to awaken and hold the pure and honest love of a worthy man. When she loses it and still loves on, no one in the wide world can know the heart agony she endures. The woman who suffers from weakness and derangement of her special womanly organism soon loses the power to sway the heart of a man. Her general health suffers and she loses her good looks, her attractiveness, her amiability and her power and prestige as a woman. Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N.Y., with the assistance of his staff of able physicians, has prescribed for many thousands of women. He has devised a perfect and scientific remedy for women's ailments. It is known as Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It is a positive specific for all weaknesses, diseases, disorders, displacements, irregularities, and debilitating drains peculiar to women. It purifies, regulates, strengthens and heals. Medicine dealers sell it, and no honest dealer will advise you to accept a substitute that he may make a little larger profit.

"I was afflicted with kidney trouble and I have always had a torpid liver," writes Mrs. M. Crosswhite, of Duffau, Erath Co., Texas. "When I commenced your medicine I was not able to stand on my feet. I used one bottle of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and five vials of his 'Pleasant Pellets.' I am now well. I had not walked in four months when I commenced the treatment; but in ten days I was able to walk everywhere."

BRAKEMAN DEAD

His Body Found Beside the Tracks.

EVIDENTLY FELL FROM THE TRAIN.

An Inquest is Now Being Held.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Baltic, Conn., Dec. 23.—The body of a brakeman on the local freight was found beside the track here about 9 o'clock last night. The freight stopped at Baltic for about half an hour for the 7.35 train to go down, and during that time the man was in the village, where he visited several of the stores.

Just before the 9 o'clock train from Providence passed up, John Hussey, the track master, found the man's leg near the switch and his body and arms further up the track.

He had evidently fallen from a car and the train had gone on to Willimantic before he was discovered. Dr. Stanton, medical examiner, is holding an inquest. The man's name was Whiting and he was about twenty six years of age.

GHANI BEY MURDERED.

WAS AIDE DE CAMPE TO SULTAN OF TURKEY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Constantinople, Dec. 23—Ghani Bey, the Sultan's aide-de-camp, was murdered yesterday by Hafuz Pacha in a quarrel which took place.

Ghani become notorious owing to his lawless proceeding in Epirus. He also inspired terror here by extorting money under threats of death. The officials of the foreign embassies have frequently demanded the punishment of Ghani Bey, but always unsuccessfully.

FAST NIGHT MAIL.

FROM ST. LOUIS TO BOSTON VIA NEW YORK.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 23.—The Wabash Railway management has made arrangements with the Lake Shore and the New York Central roads by which the night mail over the Wabash, leaving here at 8.41 p. m. will reach New York at 5.15 a. m., and Boston at 7 a. m., the second day. This arrangement applies to the mails only and it will place St. Louis letters in New York and Boston with the first morning delivery in both cities, a saving of several hours for business men.

NEW RAILWAY.

HAS FILED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Topeka, Kas., Dec. 23.—The Southwestern Railway company has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. The capital stock of the company is $8,000,000. The officers of the company are at Kansas City. The incorporators own the old Anthony branch of the St. Louis and San Francisco road which they lately purchased at foreclosure sale. They will organize a company to handle the property.

Every Mother should have it in the house for the many common ailments which will occur in every family as long as life has woes. Dropped on sugar suffering children love it. Johnson's Anodyne Liniment cures every form of inflammation, internal or external. The real danger from disease is caused by inflammation; cure the inflammation and you conquer the disease.

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THE GAY AND ATHLETIC

ADELINA PATTI, THE INCOMPARABLE DIVA.

Interesting Facts In the Romantic Life of the Greatest Soprano the World Has Ever Known.

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Among a company of dark browed Italians who landed at a New York wharf just 50 years ago was one Salvatore Patti, a Sicilian operatic tenor, who for years had all but starved as a music master in Madrid. With him came a brown eyed woman of decided beauty and two little girls with rounded cheeks and plaited hair. These children had the soft melodious voices of their southern home, and as the little family was very poor, they sang in the streets of New York. Many among the hurrying crowds of the city stopped to admire the rich, clear fullness of the younger girl's voice. Tightly clasped under her arm she held a bedraggled doll, and she courtesied with a stately old world grace as some passerby thrust a coin into her little brown hand. That child was Adelina Juana Maria Clorinda Patti, and that childish southern voice was destined to charm the world as it had never been charmed before.

New York in the fifties was not the fin de siecle New York of today. Near Madison Square on Fourth avenue stood the famous Cremorne Garden, the prototype of the Diana crowned Madison Square Garden of our own time. Here the antebellum New Yorker, more content with his lot than the ever hurrying century ender, sat about the tables in front of the stage of a warm summer night and while drinking his beer listened to the singers whom Manager Nixon of the Cremorne ushered before him.

One day this manager of the Cremorne changed to hear two little Italians singing in front of the old New York hotel. Something in the younger girl's voice caught his ear, and he arranged for her appearance on the stage of the Cremorne. That was the first appearance of Adelina Patti. It was with great solicitude that Signora Patti plaited the long hair of her tiny daughter and carefully powdered the rough brown cheeks. But the doll, her beloved "Henriette," the child would not surrender, and when she made her first dignified courtesy on a public stage the china baby was clasped tightly under her arm. The staid Cremorne Gardeners forgot their beer mugs when they heard that childish soprano voice and applauded again and again.

After a season of singing "The Star Spangled Banner" and other patriotic songs, in which the American flag was usually waved by the young singer, the timbre of her voice attracted the attention of musicians, and in a short time Signorina Patti was singing before more accomplished and more critical audiences.

Music masters were secured, engagements were made, and it was seen that the demure little woman had inherited all the musical talent of her Italian mother, who had been known in Rome as a singer of some eminence. In time the little Patti made her debut at the Italian theater in New York, and before long such artists as Alboni, Sontag and even the great Mario himself stopped to give a word of admiring praise to the ambitious young songstress. On one occasion the then famous Grisi was heard by the youthful Adelina, who had put together a small nosegay for the great diva. Timidly she proffered her tribute to the singer, who waved her aside with the careless words, "Not just now, little girl," for a thousand hands were applauding thunderously on the other side of the footlights. Weeping and in confusion, the girl drew back, but the great big hearted Mario caught her up in his arms and kissed away her tears. He begged for the little bouquet and promised to keep it forever and forever.

In 1852 the child phenomenon was taken on a tour to Canada. On her return to New York she settled down to hard work and close study, and the years slipped quietly but happily away.

The sunshine of those early years was her girlish love for Max Strakosch. Her "Dear Max," as she called him in all her youthful, passionate love letters. Max's brother Maurice had married Adelina's sister Amalia, and it was through the good services of both Max and Maurice that she first secured suitable singing masters and eventually her excellent and thorough vocal training.

It was a very beautiful part of her life, this love of the singing girl for the young Viennese pianist, who had the habit of taking her on his knee and telling her stories of his beautiful Vienna and old world singers and how some day she should be great and sing on a Vienna stage. Then, after a short rest, came the actual debut of the girl singer. In the New York Academy of Music in the winter of 1859 she sang the title role in "Lucia di Lammermoor," and, although she was but 15 years old, the news went far and wide that a new star had come to shine within the musical firmament. Unlike most child phenomenons, her voice had not been affected by her juvenile performances. From that day her success was unqualified, in many ways unparalleled. A triumphal tour of the United States followed, and then a journey to London, and her first separation from her beloved Max, to whom all the while she wrote tender, beautiful, feeling love letters, to be remembered in after years with much laughter, but more regret. London fell at her feet, and her singing in "La Sonnambula" carried the city by storm. The entire English world seemed to go mad over the beautiful young singer, who soon proved herself to be not only the possessor of a wonderful voice, but also a great actress. London society forgot its traditional reserve and opened its arms to the girl who had once sung in the streets of New York.

In her letters to the young pianist lover she had left in America she makes scarcely any mention of the great success she was achieving in England. In fact, in all her letters she refers to her powers as nothing more than ordinary, and once she laughingly said, while giving ten reasons for her undeserved title of "Queen of Song," that the tenth cause of her popularity was her willingness always to sing "Home, Sweet Home" when her audience asked for it.

But the young Adelina, like all other singers with ambition, ardently longed to have her English success consecrated by Gallic indorsement and confirmed by Parisian applause. When she did appear in the French capital, she met with nothing but delighted appreciation. Her tour of Europe was a Napoleonic triumph. She secured the patronage of the Empress Eugenia and in three years became regularly attached to the Italian Opera House in Paris. She became the spoiled darling of an indulgent imperial court, but living always, as she has put it, "a slave to her throat and her doctor," she let no dissipation lure her from the straight and narrow path of the trained vocalist.

PATTI TWENTY YEARS AGO AND NOW.

The years that followed were probably the most brilliant and at the same time progressive in Mme. Patti's existence. An occasional appearance at St. Petersburg, at Brussels and at London added to her reputation. At the Russian capital she became the personal friend of the czar and the royal family, and as a result of that friendship she is today the only woman singer who possesses the order of St. Catherine.

By this time both Patti and Strakosch realized that, although loving each other devotedly, they would never be happy as man and wife. As her "Max" laughingly said long afterward, he wanted some one who would give him nice things to eat and sew buttons on his shirt. So, under the solicitations of the Empress Eugenia, Patti agreed to a union with the Marquis de Caux, the bearer of one of the oldest names in France and equerry to Napoleon III. For Patti this was a marriage de convenance, although she and her husband lived on happy grounds for several years. It was feared when she first married that the gifted marquise intended to retire from the operatic stage, instead of this M. de Caux resigned his official position at court that he might accompany his wife on all her professional tours.

In 1867, the year following her marriage, Patti electrified Paris with her "Juliet" and scored still another success with her "Margherita," notwithstanding the fact that her rendition of this part had to challenge comparison with that of many other great singers.

But though Patti's married life seemed a manifestly happy one, such was not the case. As Handel pointed out in one of his letters, she had accumulated wealth, she had won fame, but she had no one to "suffer for." It seems to be the divine right of the artistic temperament, with its intense feeling and independent will, to make any effort to secure the highest happiness in marital association.

In the case of a great artiste, whose art demands continual labor and simple living, a husband might be called the one private luxury in a life of repellent publicity. If he is not all to her that her heart desires, she must remain inconsolably miserable or resort to the plan which Patti in her simple directness adopted. When Signor Nicolini, the tenor, appeared upon the scene of her life, she learned, though not at first, that he was more to her than her titled husband. Nicolini, who was already married, seems to have experienced the same feelings.

The long wooing and the eventful winning of the singer by Nicolini was the romance of Mme. Patti's life. At their first meetings the great diva felt nothing but aversion for her lover, at whose adiposity she was in the habit of laughing. But Nicolini, the fiery hearted, followed her over all Europe, from city to city, and finally was so fortunate as to secure the part of Romeo in Gounod's opera, wherein she sang Juliet. The fervency of Romeo's lovemaking won a name for the struggling tenor and established his position as a singer and later, it is presumed, as a lover.

While the marquis did not openly disapprove of all this, he must have had premonitions of approaching trouble. In time a coolness sprang up between the two men, and Nicolini was no longer invited to the nobleman's home. The last straw, however, came when Patti was singing in Moscow. One of Nicolini's letters fell into the hands of the marquis. As a result of this he suddenly demanded that "Romeo and Juliet" be eliminated from the list of plays. The operatic manager reluctantly assented to this, but adroitly coupled the names of the two singers in "Traviata."

The angry marquis would not allow his wife to appear on the evening of the performance. To turn him from his purpose it was promised that Nicolini should not appear if Patti were only allowed to sing.

The diva appeared, as did Nicolini, and a few weeks later the marquise and the marquis separated. It was not, however, until the French divorce law was established in 1884 that the two were able legally to be put asunder. Two years later Nicolini and Patti were formally married. A peculiar feature of this second marriage was the number of ceremonies confirming its legality. There were four marriage ceremonies in England, one in Russia, according to the Greek church, one in France and one in Italy.

For some time before and after this union Patti went down in the estimation of many of her admirers, notable among whom was Queen Victoria. But subsequent events regained for the generous hearted singer any prestige she had momentarily lost, and Nicolini's devotion to his wife became a tradition of the stage. He watched over her like a father, tended her, and anticipated her every wish. Sometimes he even went down in the kitchen of their hotel and prepared with his own hands those little dishes which he knew the diva liked when she was unwell. And when the tenor fell ill of cancer of the tongue it was Patti, the tender hearted, who watched over him till his death, giving up her engagements that she might be at his bedside.

But while Patti the woman was passing through all these trials Patti the singer was accomplishing conquest after conquest. As Violetta in "La Traviata," in Verdi's "Aida" and in "Martha" she has demonstrated her versatility to an admiring world, her repertory now including almost 100 operas. Her voice, it is said, has earned over $3,000,000.

Of late Mme. Patti, as is well known, has made Wales her home, living a delightful life in her castle of Craig-y-Nos, in the beautiful Swansea valley. The stories that are told of the life of the wealthy singer and her castle sound like a page taken from the "Arabian Nights." Half a million dollars has been spent in making Craig-y-Nos fit and comfortable for entertaining, and no mediæval palace ever extended hospitality of a more picturesque or idyllic character.

And now it is announced that the manor in the Swansea valley is to have a new master. Patti, the eternally girl hearted, is said again to have fallen in love, and her approaching marriage to Baron Cederstrom of Sweden is announced. To those who do not know the personality of the diva this will come as a surprise. But those who have seen how she has learned the secret of perpetual health and with it apparently that of eternal youth still look upon this chere chanteuse of two hemispheres as a young woman, for all her 66 summers, and although the fortunate Swedish baron is some 20 years younger than his charming fiancee, it is said that Patti is still the younger hearted of the two.

ARTHUR J. STRINGER.

The Mummer's Christmas.

The player plies his subtle art
In cloth of motley hue,
That you may know a merry heart
He leaves old Yule to you,
Leaves jolly Yule to you.

He dons the sock and buskin gay
And laughs and jests and sings,
His throat may choke a sob away,
Yet still the mirth must ring,
Right merrily must ring.

He sees the happy Yuletide fires
When you keep festal day;
From many gray and reverend spires
Hears Christmas chimes a-play,
Chimes not for him a-play.

A stranger! And the holly gleams
In windows bright with cheer.
He has no home; perhaps he dreams
The Yule of some lost year,
Sweet Yule of some dead year.

As tired players wait the call
This busy Christmas day
May some kind seraph's voice enthrall
With benedicite,
Noel, benedicite!

CAROLINE WETHERELL.

Great Shooting This.

The world's ten shot pistol record was broken in Philadelphia recently by C. H. Taylor of the Massachusetts Rifle association. Mr. Taylor made the limit score of 100. He placed ten consecutive shots in a 3½ inch bullseye at 52½ yards. The previous record, which has stood since 1888, was 99, by T. J. Darlington of Wilmington, Del.

'Tis Christmas once again.
Here's wishing you a heart as
light as a snowflake in a storm
and a future as rosy as the sun-
set which comes afterward.
FLORENCE TORONTA.

THE CURLING SEASON.

Knights of the "Besom and Stane" Are Busily Preparing For This Winter's Bonspiels.

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The curlers are beginning to wake up. Not that the players of this ancient Scotch winter sport preserve a dormant condition during the rest of the year, because being most of them Scotsmen they are very wide awake men as a rule at all times and seasons. But your true curler, though he may attend to business and vote and take his part in the affairs of the world, really only lives for the time which he can spend on the ice with his "brithers" armed with the "besom and stane." Then he is really awake, and life to him is worth the living.

There is probably no game which promotes comradeship and good feeling so thoroughly among its devotees as does curling. There is something about the game that brings out the good nature in every man present. The very motto of the curlers, "We're Brithers A'," is significant of this fact.

The greatest center of curling in this country is in the northwest states, where the Northwestern Curling association controls the sport. In the east the Grand National Curling Club of America, which includes most of the rinks situated in and around New York, is the most prominent center of the sport.

The greatest curling tournament of the year is the annual international bonspiel of the Northwestern Curling association, and it is attended by most of the prominent curlers in this country and Canada. The enthusiasm and effervescing good spirits which characterize these spiels are the wonder of every one not acquainted with the methods and actions of curlers.

Last season the tournament was held at St. Paul and was largely attended, representatives of some 50 rinks being present. Play began on Monday, Jan. 17, and the last stone was "pit doon" on the Monday following. There were 25 sheets of ice available, five in the covered rink and 20 on the frozen river, so that nearly every club could play at the same time.

Nine events were played off, and the prizes offered were quite valuable. Interest was keenest, however, in the competition for the Walker international trophy, which is accompanied by four gold medals, one for each member of the winning rink.

This trophy is played for annually by all of the Canadian rinks entered in the bonspiel and an equal number of American rinks selected by an executive of the Northwestern Curling association. Last season there were 12 rinks on each side. The Canadians were defeated, the aggregate score being 185 to 171. The winners then played down to one rink, which holds the trophy till the bonspiel this season, although it becomes the absolute property of a club winning it three times. Canada won it in 1894 and 1896, America in 1895 and 1898, but no club has yet succeeded in capturing it a second time. Duluth won the cup last season.

The stones used in the Northwestern bonspiel, as in almost all the Canadian and American clubs, are of imported Scotch granite. Most of them weigh from 40 to 60 pounds, and on the days when the ice is keen and smooth they speed over the frozen surface like shots from a cannon. It requires a strong arm to put sufficient speed into a 50 pound curling stone to carry it to the tee 42 yards distant, and a practiced hand to gauge the speed so as to place the stone in a spot that is guarded from attack by the next player or to displace one belonging to an opponent that occupies a winning position.

There are two tees, one at each end of the rink, and the players hurl first from one end and then the other. A hole, or "hack," is cut in the ice four yards back of each tee, into which the player puts his foot and braces himself for the effort. The stone is put down the ice much as a player bowling at tenpins, though all resemblance to that game here ceases, however, being more like billiards. The player is obliged to inwick or outwick—that is, carom—on other stones and give his own stone a curling motion, from which the game takes its name, just as in billiards a player puts "English," or, as the Britishers call it, "side," into his stroke.

A peculiar feature of curling and one which always lends much amusement to spectators is the effect of sweeping the ice in front of a slowly moving stone. When one is scarcely moving, two or three players at the call of the "skip," or captain of the side, will start frantically sweeping the ice in front of it and coax it sometimes a dozen feet into maybe a good position.

Curlers are dependent on the weather for good sport, although there are splendid covered rinks in many places with artificial ice, but they are never so good as outdoors.

In future bonspiels of the N. C. A. it is probable that the number of ends will be reduced to 12, where last season they were 16, so that the tournament may be finished within a week. At the last three bonspiels the contests exceeded that period, and in some instances players were obliged to return home before the finish and thus forego their chances in the finals. The forthcoming bonspiel of the Northwestern curlers will be held at Baraboo, Wis., and great pains are being taken by the officials of the parent association and of the local rink to insure a sucessful meeting.

CHARLES E. EDWARDES.

Christmas, the day of days; the greatest holiday and the most sublime holy day!
NELLIE MELBA.

The Original of "Old Hoss."

It is not generally known that Old Hoss, the tramp in Evans and Hoey's farce comedy, "A Parlor Match," is a real man. Charles H. Hoyt met him in a little New England town one winter day, trudging along the main street in a linen duster and a ragged hat, but with an expression of such perfect content that the playwright called to him to stop. Hoyt asked his name. "Old Hoss," was the reply, as the tramp moved on.

"Where are you going?" asked Hoyt.

"To Denver."

"Tonight?"

"As far as I can walk tonight."

"Are you cold?"

"No, I am never cold."

"How do you manage to keep warm?"

"By never opening my mouth to ask questions, so the cold never gets a chance to get into me."

"You are a character."

"No, sir; I do not use it in my business. No one would believe it genuine if I had one."

"Do you want to earn a dollar?"

"What doing?"

"Sitting still in a warm room, with a square meal, a quart of beer and plenty of cigars, while I take a good solid look at you."

"I'll take that job, and work overtime if you like."

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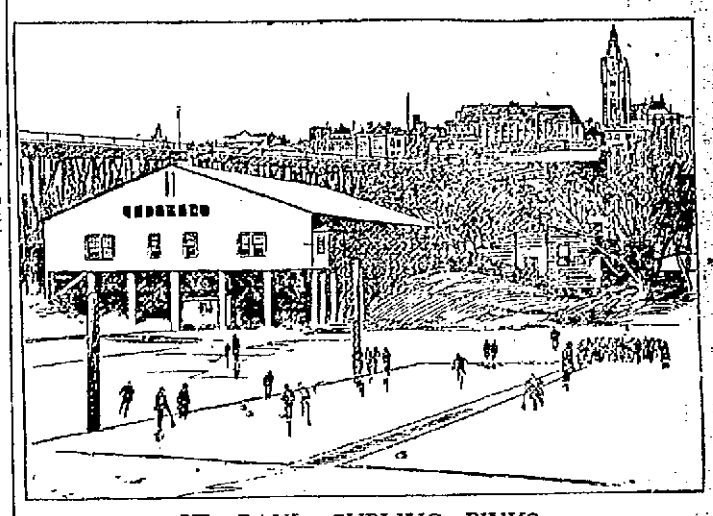
The warm room in a neighboring hotel was soon found, the square meal, the beer and the cigars furnished, and while Old Hoss enjoyed himself Mr. Hoyt sat on the opposite side of the table and rapidly wrote the character of Old Hoss into the first act of "A Parlor Match," making it fit in with that skill that distinguishes all his work. When he had finished the act, he was so pleased with it that he gave Old Hoss a $5 bill and sent him on his way feeling like a Vanderbilt. Every year or so Old Hoss turns up in New York and waits on Mr. Hoyt to know whether he has any more such "snaps" for him, but he does not get them.



ST. PAUL CURLING RINKS.

The singer and Christmas are alike in so far as both have gilded life with its most beautiful illusions. May the drop curtain of reality never shut either of them out from our workday world!
JOHANNA GADSKI.

Sculling Race Arranged.

The backers of the Lynch brothers of Halifax decided to accept the challenge of Bubear and Harry, the English champions, for a double scull race for $2,500, the race to take place the last week in July at Halifax. The Lynches will allow the Englishmen $250 for expenses.

BITS OF STAGE NEWS.

John T. Sullivan, the leading man of "The White Heather" company, made his first appearance with the late Lawrence Barrett in "Hesdale" at the Detroit Opera House in 1880. Since that time he has been connected with the best dramatic organizations in America, but in "The White Heather" he has for the first time in his life been cast for the role of villain.

Sir Henry Irving possesses one of the finest collections of relics of former stars of the stage, the following being among his greatest treasures: A ring worn by David Garrick, a letter from Mrs. Siddons, a bust of Kemble, the last portrait of Charles Mathews and the silk purse which was found empty in Kean's pocket at his death.

A peculiar coincidence occurred in the life of Stuart Robson and one of his principal supports in the person of Theodore Hamilton. They are both natives of Baltimore and were born the same day and hour. They have been lifelong friends and companions.

It is said Lottie Collins' recent attempt at suicide resulted from grief over the condition of her 8-year-old son, who was born blind and has now become deaf.

The Baldwin theater, which was burned in San Francisco, at one time contained a stock company including James O'Neil, Rose Coghlan, Louis James, Edward J. Buckley, Jeffreys Lewis, James A. Herne, Lewis Morrison, Charles Bishop, Frank Mackay, Kate Mayhew, M. B. Curtis and Mrs. Farren, with David Belasco as stage director.

The Americans are holding their own and a little more in Berlin. A recent programme of the Winter Garden in that city contains the names of Saharet, Madeline Kilpatrick and W. H. Barber, Albertus and Bartram, Amelia Stone and the De Forests. The American biograph is the closing feature.

John Drew has a new play written for him by Jerome K. Jerome, but he will not produce it this season.

The emperor of Germany has ordered Leoncavallo, the author of "Pagliacci," to write an opera on the legends of Roland.

"A Romance of Athlone" is the title of Chauncey Olcott's new play.

Lillian Russell is considering the matter of a London appearance in "Giroflé-Girofla."

The manager of an up town New York theater has put into practice a rule forbidding any encores.

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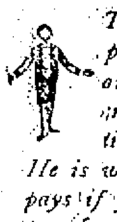

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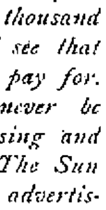

A merry Christmas to all.

Haverhill Gazette—Editor Harrington of the Lowell Sun presents his compliments to his esteemed contemporaries, coupled with a cordial invitation to follow their leader in the future.

It is reported that a peculiar case of the exercise of a certain brand of patriotism occurred on election day at Newburyport. The gentleman who was turned down by the patriots was Alderman Healey of that city. It is no discredit whatever to be a victim of such unjust discrimination.

A senatorial commission is proposed for the purpose of visiting Cuba and reporting upon a plan of government. Why not appoint the New York Journal's commission that gave expert testimony on the condition of the reconcentrados and the necessity of war to save humanity from being starved to death and being eaten up by vultures.

It is somewhat surprising that Mayor Bennett at the present juncture should recommend the discharge of Assistant Superintendent Beals. The mayor has been aware of the ground for the charges he now makes, before election day, but he made no complaint. Why has the complaint come so quickly after election? Is it because Beals is accused of indifference towards His Honor's election?

The republicans are already booming Senator Putnam as the next candidate for the mayoralty. Whether Senator Putnam would be a stronger candidate than Mayor Bennett has been this year depends largely on the success of the next administration, and we predict now that it will so meet the approval of the citizens in general that the republicans can put up no candidate for mayor who will have any chance of election.

Now that Lowell is to be a dry town the question of license in Dracut is one of much importance. The new villa of Kenwood down the river would like to establish its independence and have a license of its own as a half way centre between Lowell and Lawrence. There may be new developments on this qustion in the near future, as the mayor of Kenwood, Mr. Pilotte, is considering an appeal to the legislature.

TESTIMONY OF GENERAL MILES.

The testimony of General Miles before the War Investigating Commission sheds a lurid light upon the mismanagement of Secretary Alger and the officials of his appointment. In the first place General Miles showed that his orders as head of the army were ignored by General Shafter, who was one of Alger's favorites, a subordinate in the line of military service. Miles forbade Shafter to allow his men to mingle with the Cubans or the Spaniards or to occupy houses that had been vacated by the natives. This order was entirey ignored and as a consequence the rations intended for the army were consumed by Cuban refugees, while large numbers of the American soldiers contracted various diseases from contact with these refugees. In reference to the army supplies General Miles spoke in the plainest terms. He stated that his orders not to send rations to Porto Rico had been disregarded, and that while he could purchase beef in Porto Rico at six cents per pound the canned beef sent in bulk was unfit for use after delivery in Porto Rico. He stated that the preserved beef gave off an order resembling that of dead bodies after embalming and he believes that a large portion of the sickness of the troops was due to the chemical with which the meat had been preserved or "embalmed," and this, he says, the soldiers were obliged to eat to escape starvation. This statement coming from General Miles cannot be contradicted, and it is proof sufficient of the gross negligence and the utter incompetence which characterized the management of the War Department. It will be difficult after such a revelation coming from the highest authority in the army itself to exonerate Secretary Alger or his protege General Shafter.

THE FRENCH DREYFUS-MAD.

The French people seem to be Dreyfus-mad in making such fools of themselves over that conspiracy of army officers to injure one of their number because he happened to be of Jewish descent. They seem to think that if Germany should come into possession of the knowledge of their forts and coast defences the republic would be overthrown. As a matter of fact such knowledge would be of little use to Germany or any other nation in case of war if the French people were ready to defend themselves as a nation or as free men should. At the present time the nation is so utterly excited over the matter that a revolution may result.

THE PEACE TREATY.

It is now stated on all sides that the peace treaty will be ratified without any serious opposition. Colonel Bryan's attitude on the question has disarmed the opposition on the democratic side. He believes that the treaty should be ratified and that the opposition should be directed to any future step towards making the Phillippines a colony or a vassal state, or even towards annexing them as a state of the union. His proposition is that the Philippines should be treated exactly like Cuba, that a stable government should be established and that as soon as the Filipinos are capable of self-government they should be allowed to establish a republic and work out their own destiny.

The general opinion among those who frequent barrooms is that the police commission is making itself too busy in interfering with the management of the saloons. Those who patronize the rum shops during the year think that they are entitled to a free drink around Christmas time and that the commission has no right to restrict the generosity of the dealers. They would not be blamed so much for this step if it had not been preceded by a rule forbidding the use of large schooners.

A citizen has offered to raise ten thousand dollars for the soldier's monument in case the city should purchase the triangular area on which Burbank's restaurant is located. If the city had plenty of money to spend, it might purchase this tract of land for a public square; but at the present time there is no prospect whatever that the city for ten years to come will be in a position to do any thing so liberal.

The Woonsocket Call is to be congratulated on having secured the services of such an able editor as Thomas Hamilton Murray, formerly of the Lawrence Sun. Mr. Murray is one of the brightest newspaper men in New England and under his direction the Call may be expected in a short time to be the leading paper in Woonsocket and the peer of any in Rhode Island.

The sentence of Engineer Getchell to two years imprisonment for criminal negligence in the Dedham railroad accident will be a salutary lesson for other engineers. They are entrusted with the lives of the people, and if they show the slightest carelessness they are utterly unfit for the position they hold. Hence when it is found that an official in such a responsible position is guilty of criminal negligence it is for the best interests of the public that he should be severely punished. If every railroad official did his full duty there would be fewer accidents attended with loss of life.

A few girls of a New Hampshire academy have been detected smoking cigarettes. Thus some of the gentler sex catch on to the habits of their male companions. The cigarette habit is as bad as the grip.

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CURRENT EVENTS

A TWICE PLAYED GAME.

Remarkable Coincidence or Something Else In a Game of Chess.

A chess enthusiast, signing himself Chessman, writes to the New York Sun as follows:

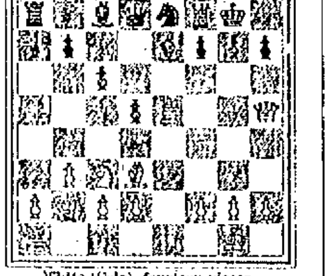
Allow me to draw attention to the following extraordinary occurrence: About four or five years ago Le Monde Illustre of Paris arranged an international chess tournament in which all the games had to be contested by correspondence. The players were divided into sections, and Janowski, at that time not very well known in European chess circles, was pitted against a certain Hungarian amateur of the name of Meyer of Temesvar, Hungary. Their game happened to turn out such a gem of brilliancy that all the leading European chess periodicals reprinted the game from Le Monde Illustre, in which the account at first appeared. Wochenschach, La Nuova Rivista Degli Schacchi, La Strategie and other publications were among the number printing the game with copious notes and diagrams. In its issue of Nov. 29 of this year Wochenschach prints the game again, stating that it was recently played at the City of London Chess club between H. H. Cole and W. Ward. Here are the moves:

RUY LOPEZ.

H. H. COLE. White.	W. WARD. Black.	H. H. COLE. White.	W. WARD. Black.
1 P—K 4	P—K 4	7 R x Kt ch	B—K 2
2 Kt—K B 3	Kt—Q B 3	8 B—Q 3	Castles
3 B—Kt 5	Kt—B 3	9 Kt—Q B 3	Kt—K
4 Castles	Kt x P	10 P—Q Kt 3	P—Q B 3
5 R—K	Kt—Q 3	11 B—Kt 2	P—Q 4
6 Kt x P	Kt x Kt	12 Q—R 5	

POSITION AFTER WHITE'S TWELFTH MOVE.

Black (Ward), fourteen pieces.



White (Cole), fourteen pieces.

12	P—K Kt 3	15 R x R P ch	K—Kt 3
13 Kt x P	P x Q	16 Kt—B 4, mate.	
14 B x R P ch	K x B		

To make a long story short, it is sufficient to say that this game, with all its moves from beginning to end, is the game contested between Janowski and Meyer four or five years ago, and that Janowski detected the Cole-Ward game in Wochenschach when looking through that paper at the Manhattan Chess club the other day. Cole is a well known London amateur of the first class. Ward is also known as a player of strength and good repute. It is difficult to explain it. Either Cole arranged with Ward to play the game with him, in which case Ward deliberately submitted to defeat in order to enhance his friend's reputation or each played from unconscious memory. In the latter case it will prove to be an instance of plagiarism of that sort which casts all previous well known cases utterly in the shade.

PARIS BY THE SEA.

An Interesting Scheme For the Exhibition of 1900.

Among the many novelties under consideration for the coming exhibition in Paris in 1900 perhaps the following is the most daring: It is suggested by an ex-pupil of the Ecole Polytechnique to create a sea bathing establishment on the site of the Champ d'Entrainement, at Longchamps, in the Bois de Bologne. The primal necessity for successful sea bathing is the sea, and Paris is not on the seashore. It is suggested, however, that it is by no means impossible to convoy the sea (or some of it) to Paris and by the following means:

Machinery of great power is to draw water from the channel, between five and six miles above Dieppe, and to draw the sea water through pipage of about 120 miles in length to Longchamps. There an immense open air bath, a sort of microscopic inland sea, is to be hollowed out to receive the water, and the shores of this little sea are to be banked and covered with fine sand, so as to give the illusion of the real article. A casino will also be constructed near this novel watering place, and the inventors of the scheme expect a large income from the petits chevaux, which, as in the larger seaside resorts, would form a most profitable source of revenue and a popular form of amusement.

It is proposed to make a charge for bathing of 50 centimes on Sundays and fete days, while the aristocracy will be enabled to bathe free from plebeian contamination on two days a week at a charge of five francs. By means of a system, which the inventor has not explained to the public, but of the success of which he declares himself assured, it will be possible not only to secure a regular ebb and flow of the sea water, but even to provoke at will little storms upon this little sea, by means of which little shipwrecks will be produced in a most lifelike fashion. The whole capital is said to be already underwritten, and all that is necessary now is the consent of the municipal council and of the town of Paris to the project.—Chicago Chronicle.

Allows Cubans to Close Shops Sundays

General Wood has granted the petition of several Spanish merchants for permission to close their stores on Sunday, they having been compelled to keep open seven days in the week under the Spanish law. He has also issued an order directing the closing of the saloons on the Sabbath, and there is not likely to be a "Sunday closing" question in Santiago so long as that city shall be under military rule.—Chicago Tribune.

Great Ceremonies Over a Hair.

A hair of the beard of the prophet Mohammed has been presented to the Constantinople poorhouse by a lady of that city. A great procession of state officials and military accompanied the relic when the transfer was made.

ANTIBREAKFAST FAD.

Elgin, Ills., Converted to the New Gospel of Health.

HAS GAINED A SOLID FOOTHOLD.

Morning Meal Is Eliminated In the Households of a Good Many Prominent Citizens—Philosophy of the Fast—Effect on Some of the Enthusiasts—The Simple Treatment.

As a result of a little missionary work in Elgin, Ills., for a few weeks a good many citizens have "thrown physic to the dogs," and, it might be said, their breakfasts, too, for they have abandoned the morning meal and will have none of it. In other words, they have acted upon Dr. Edward Hooker Dewey's advice and are giving their stomachs a rest.

A few months ago, about the time the "antibreakfast" missionary appeared in Elgin, a Chicago newspaper contained a paragraph about a new fad that had taken possession of many people in the east. Whether it is a fad or not it has come to stay in Elgin, and the results are said to be already apparent in the improved feeling and appearance of those who have adopted the "true science of living," and those who have tried it longest speak most highly in its praise.

"Go without your breakfast and quit between meal nibbling. Drink when thirsty and eat whatever your appetite craves." These in brief are the injunctions laid down by Dr. Dewey and which he has given for a score of years. There is no medicine whatever connected with the treatment.

Among the enthusiasts in Elgin are members of the clergy and others in professional life. They include the Rev. C. H. Rogers, pastor of the First Universalist church; the Rev. H. Slade, former pastor of that church; Superintendent George Hunter of the Elgin National Watch company, and Miss Cecil Harvey, librarian of the Gail Borden public library. Mr. Rogers is convinced that he is cured of a chronic complaint from which he had almost despaired of securing relief. Mr. Slade, with his 60 years, is as spry as a cricket, and has prepared a sermon to deliver on "The New Gospel." Mr. Hunter, who had been very little at his office in the watch factory, is now found there every day, while Assistant Superintendent W. H. Cloudman, who sees the excellent results in his chief, is tapering off to a light breakfast and hopes soon to have sufficient fortitude to abandon forever the "habit" of partaking of the morning meal.

Miss Harvey became converted on reading Dr. Dewey's book and purchased copies for the library. These have done much to point to the error of old ways. Nearly every one who has read it has since worried along on two meals a day and feels the better for it. There is talk of organizing an antibreakfast club in Elgin. A majority of the people to whom the two meal plan is broached admit that they eat too much, but at first they think it would be better to abstain from supper.

The foundation on which rests the argument of the antibreakfast advocates is that restful sleep is not a hunger creating process; that breakfasting is a mere habit; that eating when food is not required is a positive injury, giving the stomach too much to do; that the rest afforded by abstaining from food from supper time till dinner time gives a chance for the accumulation of gastric juices, which at once takes hold of the dinner in the process of digestion. It has been shown by experiments that this way of living is alike suitable to the person of indoor habits and to the farmer, laborer and craftsman of every line. Dr. Pentecost, the eminent London preacher, after suffering from sick headache for 40 years, became a convert to "the new gospel of health" and has been cured of his distressing malady. Dr. Dewey, who experimented for a score of years and finally adopted the theory in his practice, actually puts patients on a starvation diet until they get an appetite, the time varying from a few days to as many weeks.

It is a fact that the antibreakfast idea has gained a solid foothold in Elgin. Fleshy persons are getting down to a more comfortable size, and the lean are seeing themselves transformed. The ruddy hue of health is taking the place of the pinched and sallow features of the dyspeptic. Dinner finds the antibreakfast disciple of mature years with an appetite such as he had not known since childhood, while the children who are practicing the so called starvation fad say that they get along better at school and learn their lessons with more ease than they did formerly. The trial of the plan costs only a bit of self denial and a few days' practice suffices to banish the desire for the early meal. —Chicago Record.

Cuba's Population One Million.

Calixto Lopez, the head of one of the largest houses in Havana and having important interests in the island, said to me the other day that he thought there were 2,000,000 persons in the island before the war began. He estimates that 800,000 have been killed or have died from starvation, neglect or other unusual causes. This would leave 1,200,000 persons on the island. I have had other estimates from not so reliable sources to the effect that there are now about 1,000,000 persons on the island. —Chicago Record.

Keeps Visitors Out of Friedrichsruh.

Prince Herbert Bismarck recently issued orders that strangers shall no longer be admitted to Friedrichsruh or to Sachsenwald, which have been heretofore so much used as picnic grounds by the people of Hamburg.

LINKS OF HISTORIC CHAIN.

Ex-Mayor Hewitt Buys Part of Barrier That Held Back the British.

Ex-Mayor Abram S. Hewitt of New York recently bought 18 links of the historic chain that was stretched across the Hudson river from West Point to Constitution island in 1778. Each link weighs 300 pounds and is 3 feet 9 inches long. Mr. Hewitt will display the links on the lawn of his country seat, near Greenwood Lake, N. J.

ABRAM S. HEWITT.

Cooper, Hewitt & Co. own the iron mine near the Sterling mines, which produced the ore that went into the chain. The forge where the chain was made is at Tuxedo. The chain never was passed by the British. Mr. Hewitt bought the links from a Front street curiosity dealer in New York after negotiations extending four years.—Special Philadelphia Press.

CARROLL ON PORTO RICO.

The Commissioner's Views on Their Ability to Govern Themselves.

Dr. H. K. Carroll, who was sent to Porto Rico by President McKinley to ascertain the condition of internal affairs there, delivered a lecture recently at Plainfield, N. J., in which he spoke particularly of the ability of the Porto Ricans to govern themselves.

He says he has no direct knowledge of the condition of the Filipinos, but that the inference made in the report of the Hawaiian commission that the Porto Ricans are incapable of self government after the United States has established a suitable form of government, is incorrect, and, he considers, a presumptuous view of the Hawaiian commission to take, especially in view of the fact that they have presumably no knowledge of the Porto Ricans.

The commissioner to Porto Rico considers the natives quite as capable in every particular to govern themselves as the inhabitants of Hawaii. He says that the Porto Ricans are not savages nor barbarous, as some people think. He confessed that there is much illiteracy in the island, but says he believes that by the adoption of the customs and institutions of the United States the island would soon overcome that difficulty and that eventually the Porto Ricans would evidence a capacity to govern themselves equal to that of either the Cubans or the Hawaiians. The aspirations of the Porto Ricans, he declares, are indicative of their reaching a useful and creditable state of citizenship. They are anxious for the introduction of American customs and institutions, as well as the adoption of the English language in place of the Spanish as their tongue. They are different from the Cubans, he says, in that they are a peace loving people. The fact that there is practically no system of registry in the island and that estates and properties are handed down by common consent from generation to generation without litigation is evidence of their peaceable character and their recognition of right over wrong.—New York Sun.

WONDERFUL TIMEPIECE.

Calendar For the Next One Hundred Years Regulates Its Movements.

Our Brussels correspondent says: A truly wonderful timepiece is now on view in Brussels. The inventor, M. Noll, hailing from the Black Forest, spent five years in its construction and has beaten all previous records in clockmaking. This structure, which stands 16 feet high, reproduces the facade of a building of the early renaissance period. The clock, in addition to its ordinary functions, marks the four seasons as well as the chief church festivals, fixed and movable, all of which are heralded in to the minute by automaton figures, choral services, church music or the song of birds, according to the season.

A feature of the mechanism is the hourly procession of the apostles before the figure of Christ and the morning and evening chant of monks, who are summoned from the cloister by the monastery bell, tolled by the sexton in view of the public. A representative of the earth's course round the sun and of the moon round the earth furnishes an object lesson in the seasons, eclipses and other celestial phenomena. The clock will be exhibited at Paris in 1900 and will be probably offered for sale, being valued at $15,000. Its movements are regulated by the calendar for the next 100 years.—London Chronicle.

Mistook Chinese Lily Bulbs For Onions

Mrs. Marietta L. Brush of Huntington, N. Y., recently received some rare bulbs, said to be of the Chinese lily variety. In shape and size they resembled onions. Mrs. Brush put the bulbs away in a kitchen closet to wait the time for putting them into pots. A few days ago she was called away from home, and during her absence one of her daughters came across the bulbs. She thought they were onions, and at night they were sliced and fried for supper. When eating them, she and her sister noticed that they tasted exceedingly bitter for onions. Later on both were taken violently ill. Their illness was not serious.

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The Middy and the Savage Maid

A REAL LIFE ROMANCE OF FAR AWAY SAMOA

By Llewella Pierce Churchill, Wife of Our Ex-Consul General to Samoa.

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MR. PALFREY, royal navy, was so close to the finish of his days as a midshipman that he almost knew how it would feel when he became a sublieutenant. There was only a trifle in the way of an examination, and that he felt confident of passing when his ship returned to the headquarters of the fleet at Sydney. Being then so considerable a personage, young Mr. Palfrey felt himself entitled to a plunge into romance when his ship came to Samoa and lay at anchor in Apia harbor. He fell violently in love with his surroundings. But when one is a midshipman on the very edge of a sublieutenancy it is not enough to be in love with the surroundings. Something more personal is needed.

The town of Vaiala never made a better financial investment than when it appointed Sueina to be the official "maid of the village." If the straggling fringe of shops and houses which make up the town of Apia could be deemed capable of having suburbs, then Vaiala would be the eastern suburb of Apia. On steamer days curious tourists were attracted that way by the presence of certain of the official residences, also by the fact that it lay in the breeze and was almost comfortable when Apia was like an oven. The Samoans look on steamer days as their monthly markets and the passing tourists as a source of income. Therefore it was held a fine thing for Vaiala that it had a village maiden who could speak English, by no means a common accomplishment among the islanders. When the tourists came to Vaiala in large and small parties, Sueina was there to show them around the village, to take them about where there were curiosities and trinkets for sale at exorbitant rates and to make sure in general that as much of their money was left behind in the native community as could be wheedled out of their pockets on one score or another.

When there were no mail steamers with curious passengers there remained the naval vessels of the great powers. The officers, when they were first assigned to the duty and when all was fresh and new to them, were eager for exhibitions of the dancing girls, and in all Samoa there was none so expert as Sueina at the "siva," or native dance. Her village could find no fault with her attractiveness so long as she continued to attract rich presents and money, which, after all, is the main thing in these savage communities. For six years she had been "maid of the village." That meant that she stood as high as the chief; that a woman, old Tofi, was assigned to be her governess, or duenna, to attend her wherever she went; that a train of the young girls of the town was at her service; that on occasions of ceremony she would play the leading part in the dancing and in the processions.

Already she had led the troops of Vaiala to victory and had marched before them into battle brandishing an ax. In these years she might have had any unmarried chief in all Samoa, and many had come wooing the elders of Vaiala for the handsome maid. But for years Vaiala had rejected all offers. The elders in their council meetings recognized the fact that Sueina unmarried attracted young chiefs as the flower of the breadfruit attracts flies to its cloying sweetness. Every chief who came a-courting brought presents, ever richer and richer as the word spread that Sueina was held at a higher figure.

This was the embodiment of all the south sea charm to the eager fancy of young Mr. Palfrey of the royal navy. He saw her first at a dance which she conducted in her own town of Vaiala, by no means a spontaneous performance, as the officers' mess discovered when stock was taken of the actual money as well as other benevolences which the entertainment had cost them.

This was but the first of many meetings. The young officer devoted all his time to the maiden when he was at liberty to leave the duties which pertain to such young officers aboard British men-of-war. He must have performed those duties ill, for it was manifest that he had no thought aside from his rapture over the glorious creature with the coffee complexion whom he recognized he loved to madness. His brother officers chaffed him. He was made the butt of such jests as always find prompt currency in the wardroom of any cruiser. But none of these things produced any impression on the middy.

When he had spare time, he courted the girl. If he had but been familiar with the customs of the country, he would have wooed the old men of the village, who have the final settlement of the love affairs of the official maid. Sueina sat and listened to all this love-making and turned it to the advantage of her town, as she was bound to do. The town, however, was considering matters of a graver importance than the British middy and his love affairs. Possibly, if the elders of the town had known that he was the owner of broad English acres and plenty of money and was the heir to some sort of lordship, they might have counted him in as a factor in the matrimonial problem of the village maid, which was just where he wanted to be counted.

Some one had carried Sueina's glory to Tonga, the next island kingdom away to the southward of Samoa. It had been told the Tongans that of all the maids of Samoa Sueina was the handsomest and the best at the dance. A wandering Tongan of high rank came to Vaiala and saw her in the guest-house. Then some breeze from the south brought to Vaiala the word that young King George of Tonga had asked his councilors, in view of the fact that there was no girl in Tonga sufficiently high in rank to mate with him, if it would not be well that he marry the Samoan beauty. Mr. Palfrey might have taken the high ground that a British middy is as high as a south sea potentate on his throne; still it is perhaps just as well that he was ignorant that he had a royal rival, or at least that the elders of Vaiala were inclined to believe that King George had matrimonial intentions.

There was yet another element in the problem. Sueina had a suitor who would not be denied—a Samoan chief of birth fully as high as her own—Tufele, the chief of Manu'a. He was making his courting visit in due and ancient form. His boats dashed up to the beach with shouts of lofty titles. His presents, when displayed on the town green, showed that rumor had not falsified his wealth. It was understood that if Tufele were to marry the famous maid he would be made king of Manu'a. His wife would be cherished as a thing sacred. No work would fall to her lot such as filled the days for the wives of other chiefs. She would be surrounded by her women, not one of whom might venture to address her save in answer to a question. When she was carried abroad, for she might not set foot on common ground, the highest chiefs would bow before her path and shout her names and titles.

So much for Manu'a, a distant island speck, where she would not see a naval officer for years together. In Tonga it would be different. She knew all about that, for her own sister had married the father of King George. She would live in a house such as white men build. She would have clothes such as white women wear. Her pockets would be filled with money. She would wear a crown on her head and be such a queen as the English Victoria, whose picture she had often seen. About this Britomarte where the young naval officer wanted her to go and live she supposed it must be something like Apia, where there were Samoan women who had married white men. They had to wear shoes which must be uncomfortable, and they wore clothes all over and hats, but they had all the corned beef and soda crackers they could eat. When her middy told her that London was a great deal bigger than Apia, she got the idea that there must be more corned beef and soda crackers there, for her ideas of luxurious living were limited to imagining a state of life in which one had an unfailing supply of these two luxuries, with canned salmon for a change.

As matters stood there was quite a problem—we'll not say in love, but in matrimony—which was to be settled in Vaiala. There was young Mr. Palfrey making love to Sueina, when, if he had made his suit to a set of toothless old men, he might have been considered. Then there was Tufele making love to these important elders and not paying any attention to Sueina until it had been agreed that he was to marry her. Then there were these selfsame elders who had a hope that King George of Tonga would propose for Sueina and accompany his proposal with gifts on a scale befitting his kingdom. There were two other elements which no one stopped to consider, yet each was employed in its appropriate climax to undo all that had up to those times been carefully done. These two elements will be found doing business when the story reaches the place for them in turn.

Considering that Tufele was not such a mighty king as his Tongan majesty and that he had only a small group of three islets to draw from, he showed a most becoming appreciation of the proper considerations which should govern a suitor for a lady of such high rank. When the Vaiala elders discovered what he was prepared to do, both in the way of presents and in return for the dowry of the young lady, the elders accepted his most magnificent proposals. Then came the long discussion of the amount of the dowry. Two factors were at work in opposite directions. On the one hand the suitor and the town were eager to swell the number of fine mats which are a maiden's portion in order that they might gain all the greater glory for such a rich wedding. On the other hand the town was loath to give up a single mat more than it could help, for these finely woven articles are the sole evidence of Samoan wealth, and Tufele was equally loath to receive them, inasmuch as he would have to make a return present equal to their value. These were details all within the settlement of the elders, and the women were not present at the meeting.

Still, no objection was made to allowing the old woman Tofi to act as an eavesdropper, and Sueina was as interested as any savage maid can be as her governess brought in successive reports of the dowry. It passed the 100 mark and soon the 200 mark, as the heads of the different families declared the number of mats which they were ready to contribute. Even up to the great figure of 250 the count jumped rapidly by five and ten at a time.

These mats are not to be made in less than two years' patient weaving by hand. Consequently it is with reason that they are held at a high value. Then, one at a time, more mats were added to the dowry, which had already passed the highest mark known in Samoan matrimonial history. The town was apparently about to bankrupt itself in establishing a new record. The glory of being the bride in such a wedding as this filled Sueina's heart. She could hardly wait for Tofi to bring her the news from the place of meeting.

Her sailor lover chanced to be with her. He was interested in the session of the village elders, but he was surprised that Sueina could not better explain the topic being debated. At last the particulars were all settled, the dowry was agreed upon, the return presents were included in the bargain, and Tufele was a successful wooer.

But Tufele and the elders had relied too implicitly on the custom of their country. They had not made love to Sueina, and the young sailor had not made love to them. Each was ignorant of the customs of the other. Sailor love and British custom won. Sueina was flattered at the prospect of being a party to a wedding so extravagantly gorgeous as the one which had been settled for her, but it did not attract her as powerfully as the things which she had been hearing from her midshipman. It may have been love. It may have been a wish to live in London, with its unfailing supplies of soda crackers and canned corned beef.

At any rate, Sueina ran away from Vaiala that night, the only way in her power to escape marriage with Tufele. She gave up her high official position and all her chances in life, and she gave them up because Midshipman Palfrey had been making love to her. That is the first of the two elements which were announced as being about to undo all the work of the matchmakers. Sueina refused to marry Tufele and ran away.

The midshipman's attentions to the maid of the village had not been permitted to pass without notice. So long as she was the maid of the village it was all right, but just as soon as she resigned her official station this love-making became all wrong. The commander of this particular cruiser of the royal navy which employed the talents of that very junior officer, Mr. Palfrey, suddenly recognized that as his midshipman was heir to a title he himself might be called to an inconvenient accounting if a fine brown strain of Samoan blood were to be mixed with the English nobility. As soon as the captain learned that Sueina had run away he decided on practically the same course himself. That day the man-of-war steamed out of Apia harbor, and Mr. Palfrey had no opportunity to have an explanation with Sueina. The captain then proved himself the final element which overturned the last of the plans of lovers and matchmakers in this case.

Of all the characters in this small episode of recent history the only uncertainty is as to King George of Tonga. The midshipman sailed away into a colder climate and undoubtedly recovered. Tufele had his gorgeously extravagant wedding without a hitch, for he did not mind such a trifle as shifting brides and was just as happy with the new maid whom the elders of Vaiala hastily chose to fill Sueina's place.

The elders were satisfied and for the same reason. Sueina lost by her transaction in the affections, but it is much more likely that it was ambition to marry a white man than that it was the stirring of the heart. As to the Tongan monarch, it must remain forever in uncertainty just whether he was thinking of marrying or not. He still remains without a queen.

SUEINA, THE SAVAGE MAID

TOFI, THE SAVAGE MAID'S DUENNA

SUEINA'S LADIES IN WAITING

TUFELE, THE SAVAGE SUITOR.

Fighting Against Cowardice.

After reading of the brilliant exploits of the gallant troops at Omdurman one may be pardoned for doubting the existence of cowards in the British army.

Unfortunately, however, every now and then amid the din and crash of battle a recruit is seized with a fit of cowardice, which he boldly fights against. The attack is oftentimes quite inexplicable and nearly always momentary.

The majority of men are brave by instinct, especially when in the thick of a fight. There are, of course, exceptions to the rule, but generally the feeling that the soldier is not a separate unit, but a cog in a vast fighting machine tends to make even the most timorous stand shoulder to shoulder with his comrades.

Then the fear of being thought afraid steels the nerves of many a failing soldier, and there is no doubt that the dread of the contempt and indignation of his fellows is a most powerful stimulant.

Very rarely indeed does a British soldier allow fear to overcome his sense of duty, but, some old veteran will occasionally admit that he has known perhaps one such instance, and in reply to the question, "How is it we never read of such cases?" he will answer: "One dead man is a small loss to a regiment. Besides, one man running off may cause another to follow him, and a panic may thus set in. Before any one has time to think about it or issue an order, depend upon it, one of his comrades, for the honor of the regiment, puts a bullet through him."

Sir Charles Napier had an effective method of dealing with cowards. On one occasion a flying soldier was stopped by his fellows, who were about to shoot him, when the general intervened.

"Give the man another chance," he ordered. "Place him in the front rank, and if he turns again let him be shot."

The man eagerly embraced this chance for life, overcame his fears and fought bravely for the rest of the day. Bravery is sometimes largely due to mere lack of sensibility.

"There goes the bravest man in the army," said the old Kaiser Wilhelm on the battlefield of Sadowa as a pale young officer cheered his men on to the charge. "He is terribly afraid of being shot, and he knows it, but he loves his duty and country more than his personal safety, and that is what makes him lead his men on so gallantly."

Insulating the Mind.

There is a story told of a traveler in the tropical forest who, thinking to drink water from some tree or vine, tapped instead, unwittingly, a rubber-bearing plant. Mixing a little rum with the liquid, he quenched his thirst, only to die a few hours later with rubber bands clogging every turn of his intestines. The insulated victim of this traveler's tale finds his counterpart in actual life in a New Jersey man who went around lately with a bottle of rubber pellets, which he ate to prevent another man from hypnotizing him with electricity. His idea was, he said, that he would thus "insulate his mind" successfully, just as the tropical tourist quenched his thirst, but such experiments prove disastrous and have to be stopped whether the victim takes the rubber solid or liquid.

Aluminum's First Discoverer.

The first discoverer of aluminium had the reward of his genius. Pliny tells us that in the reign of Tiberius (41 B. C. to 37 A. D.) a worker in metals presented a beautiful metal cup resembling silver, but lighter, to the emperor, who questioned him and learned that he extracted the new metal from clay. The secret, he said, was known but to himself and the gods. The sage Tiberius, reflecting that if this metal could be made of earth it would lower the price of silver and gold, decapitated the artificer in order that his secret might remain with the gods and so deprived the world of a most useful metal for 18 centuries.

ALL THE WORLD OVER.

America uses 10,000,000,000 eggs annually.

Bright red spectacles, accompanied by internal doses of calomel, are the latest German specific for seasickness. The theory is that seasickness is due for difficulties in the year named in to lack of blood in the brain, while the influence of the red color of the glasses sends blood to the brain with a rush.

According to a report of the London board of trade on the cost of strikes in Great Britain in 1897, just issued, the latter received an aggregate loss of 10,000,000 working days, 270,000 persons being thrown out of employment.

There are at least 10,000,000 nerve fibers in the human body.

Four immense five story brick flats in New York have been moved 105 feet to make way for a bridge, the operation requiring 21 days. There were 325 jack-screws under the buildings, and at each signal they were shifted three-sixteenths of an inch. The contractor received $10,000 for the work, which was entirely successful.

By order of the Berlin Barbers, Hairdressers and Wigmakers' union apprentices are forbidden to wear their hair cut short, because the practice is unprofessional. The union decided that "the apprentice's hair should be tastefully and carefully dressed in order to act as inspiration for the business and for customers."

Underground London contains 31,000 miles of telegraph wires, 3,003 miles of sewers, 4,530 miles of water mains and 3,200 miles of gas pipe, all definitely fixed.

Indiana now ranks second as a state in which fruits and vegetables are packed, Maryland being first, Indiana second and New Jersey third. Indiana now manufactures 25 per cent of the canned goods manufactured in this country.

Great Britain leads in sugar consumption.

Truffles will soon be cultivated on scientific principles and are likely to become cheaper. M. Chatin, who discovered that the truffle is a mushroom, has announced to the Academie des Sciences at Paris that the Duc de Lesparre, brother of the Duc de Gramont, has found out how it germinates and on what leaves its spores will become fruitful.

Uncle Sam is first in tobacco consumption.

Austria-Hungary has floating expositions.

In Woman's World.

DAISY MAY AND THE HOLIDAYS.

A Round of Gayety Breezily Described — Various Subjects of Interest to the Gentler Sex.

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Bob, of course, is home for the holidays, and the house is cheery, with evergreen and holly berries, and there's a nice sort of holiday feeling in the air. Bob and Jack spend most of their time playing poker, and Bob tells me Jack loses his "pile" every day without complaining—simply because Bob happens to be his sweetheart's big brother. I think it very mean of Bob to treat my poor Jack this way!

But then it is so jolly to hear Bob's big, hearty voice sounding through the house, and the holiday season is such a light hearted time that one could not be cross with the worst big brother in the world.

The city is bright in holiday attire, and the crowds on the streets seem more genial faced than usual. Every nationality has its representative colony located in some remote corner of this composite metropolis. Swarthy skinned Italian children, chubby faced and bright eyed, swarm up and down even the pretentious Broadway, prattling merrily in their soft southern patois. Merry eyed urchins from the Emerald Isle blarney little yellow haired German girls, for "tout le monde" is inoculated with holiday virus.

As I write behind closed doors I hear the echo of my big brother's strong voice. I can stand it no longer. The incessant din and fragmentary bits of an animated conversation get the better of me, and I must open the door.

"Here's to dull care! Away with her! Bid her discard blue hued raiment, to don a brilliant toga, become joyous, jest merrily with fate and laugh to scorn her synonym, anxiety." This fusillade of words comes from the stair top, where the young scion of the house holds forth, gayly bantering Aunt Hetty, who dares to suggest it's bedtime. Bob hurls precept upon precept from his exalted position on the landing above, insisting that we shall subscribe to what he chooses to dignify by the appellation "a holiday toast." We promise, and our Princeton plague descends to join the family group, catechising us singly in secret as to what a certain somebody will think of the particular present he has sent her. We are discreetly unwise, and nobody knows, for Bob has the habit of buying the most ridiculous things at times.

The opera, I'm told, will deter many music lovers from spending the week out of town, for all the old favorites, including Melba, will appear successively until the curtain is rung down on the year 1898.

Heroism, whether it be patriotic in kind or not, calls for homage, as was clearly demonstrated by the applause Maud Rondez, a survivor of the ill fated Mohegan, received at her debut in "La Traviata." The singer and mother, Mme. Grandin, managed to secure a lifeboat when the steamer sank, but it was overturned in the mad struggle following the calamity. Miss Rondez's vocal training enabled her to use her voice so advantageously that her cries were heard above the uproar, and she was rescued.

I heard a lament some days ago which touched a responsive chord, and I repeat it, thinking opinions publicly expressed are often productive of great good. People in general are too careless of other people's rights. A friend was regretting the loss of a very beautiful powder puff. "Has it been stolen?" I queried. "No; but, Daisy, I simply couldn't stand it! I had to throw it away."

Bewildered? I looked it, whereupon my friend explained:

"Well, I'll tell you. Socially inclined women are in the habit of taking things too much for granted outside the home circle. Women have no more right to use one another's powder puffs than to appropriate their toothbrushes for use, yet every one of the 40 who came to my reception, save one mite of a dainty creature, stalked over to the dressing table, each in turn dabbing face and neck with the selfsame puff—mine. Being somewhat fastidious, I couldn't reconcile myself to the thought of ever using it again. The exception brought forward a silken bag, produced a diminutive powder box and a tuft of swan's down, touched her face lightly and replaced her possessions. I just went over and hugged her, because she was not a woman who put on great lugs in matters of importance, but proved she was duly considerate of trifles. This goes to make the sum total of good breeding."

So far as clothes go opera coats are the "piece de resistance" of the toilet. They are at the zenith of their glory and are marvels in frou frou effects. Mrs. Clarence Mackay, nee Kitty Duer, a descendant of the famous Knickerbocker wit and beauty, Lady Kitty Duer of colonial days, wears one of gold brocade. Billows of lace on an old pink liberty satin foundation line it. Ermine collar and pipings supply the indispensable trace of fur.

Brocaded velvet is again the fashionable material. Although adored by women for centuries, it has been superseded latterly by other fabrics. It has been reinstated under such delightful circumstances that we shall welcome its return with added zest, as Mrs. James Brown Potter presented it prior to her illness to our English sisters in Beerbohm Tree's presentation of "The Three Musketeers." The step across the pond is not so great, and one may confidently anticipate our grandes dames appearing at the charity ball in voluminous brocade skirts and court trains.

Peasant bonnets are the fancy of opera goers for the moment. They are worn in lieu of the scarf as trees protectors and are decidedly more fetching than the Spanish mantilla arrangement. Sometimes the hoods match in color and texture the long cape, while at others they are in striking contrast. Black or white satin ones lined in a delicate color are destined to become most popular. Peasant bonnets are peculiarly constructed. They are shaped like an old fashioned sunbonnet, minus the curtain, and are cut deep enough to allow a turn back fold of satin. They are finished off at the neck by a ruche or twist of chiffon, terminating in flowing ends, to be tied under the chin. This makes a quaint and picturesque millinery conceit, strikingly becoming and reminding one of the headgear of one's Dutch ancestors of auld lang syne.

I feel I'd be doing the opera subject a distinct injustice should I omit to say a word regarding the expanse of nakedness above and below the bodice, so called by courtesy. The evening bodice has become addicted to the expansion habit. It is abreast of the times. At night it presents a mute apology for appearing at all. Oftentimes it outlines vast territory below the shoulder blades at back and shaped in front with no semblance of sleeve, unless one might graciously term such a blossom or a buckle. A strap of ribbon no wider than a cord or some greenery stems supporting fragile buds draped across the shoulder designate the proper place for the missing link. When we returned from Sembrich's wonderful rendition of Violetta at the Metropolitan, Aunt Hetty held up her hands in holy horror at the sights she saw. "Clothes don't proclaim the man," said she, "but certainly the lack of 'em is exposing the audacity of the modern woman."

While I differed, as a matter of course, and argued against what I vehemently asserted was harsh criticism I'm bound to confess there were revelations. The "diner de luxe" to be served every Sunday evening by an up town caterer will give opportunity for more display. According to the London rule, women will appear in full evening dress to loiter through a table d'hote menu. By this you will see the decollete craze is on.

Sleeves, by the way, are playing no unimportant role on fashion's stage. Since their return to first principles, revealing beauteous curves, they essay the leading part. The flirtatious woman is in her element, for she has studied closely the trick of managing her hands, and the new sleeve is an able ally, enhancing the witchery of swift motions and white hands. All sleeves follow the line of the arm, accentuating its length from wrist to shoulder. There is no fullness anywhere, and one's arm has the appearance of having been molded in the cloth. About the wrist a series of dainty frillings, one of white, the next of delicate rose, another white one and lastly a deeper one of spangled net falling well over the hand is a cameolike setting the beauty of which no woman will be slow to perceive. Trimmed sleeves are a thing of the past. They depend entirely upon perfection of cut for style.

Feminine clubdom has furnished two decided sensations during the last fortnight. The mothers' congress is held responsible for the edict that "Mother Goose" must go. The Society For the Study of Life, an offshoot of the learned congress, which adapts swaddling infants to scientific principles, has undertaken the task of conversion. A theory that children shall be taught morality by systematic truth telling even to the uttermost is advanced. These progressive methods of rearing the offspring have created a "tempest in a teapot," and there are numerous dissenters. Their discussion is beyond me, but the subject might prove interesting food for thought among my constituents, so Daisy, ever accommodating, affords you an opportunity to squabble among yourselves.

The more recent topic and second sensation is based likewise upon that comprehensive, though somewhat indefinite, noun, morality. The Minerva club met to debate upon "whether moral or immoral women have been most influential in making history." A wide range of thought and a latitude of expression were very powerful weapons on the one side, flanked by the example of George Sand, but virtue, dull and doleful, grew resplendent embodied in the person of Octavia, the faithful wife and mother. Morality won by a majority.

The study of political economy has palled upon us club members, and it is necessary to startle our sluggish brains in order that we may continue to pursue higher educational methods.

Interesting events have so crowded one upon the other that it is most difficult for me to recall which has been of greatest importance. The Colgate-Strafford wedding perhaps claims precedence by reason of its lack of ostentation. The nuptial ceremony was performed in Grace chantry, the wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's sister, and the countess and earl later started off on a three days' trip in the drawing room of an ordinary coach on the regular congressional limited.

"American millions piled up through Colgate's soap formulas will be spent on an impoverished English estate," impertinently hissed a heavy swell, who joined me as we were leaving the church.

"Well," I retorted, "if you are a fitting example of the well bred rich American man, give me the Englishman every time."

Daisy May

New York.

THREE STRIKING HOUSE GOWNS.

When Should a Girl "Come Out?"

Very few people agree as to what is the age when a girl should make her first appearance in society. Some mothers are in the habit of allowing their tiny daughters to go to dances and parties of all sorts at a time when they should be in the nursery or schoolroom, and such girls are always more or less "out" from their cradles, and are proportionately spoiled and precocious.

In society girls are not allowed at any festivity until they have been presented at court, or properly introduced, while among ordinary people who do not aspire to court circles a girl generally "comes out" at some ball or dance sufficiently important to give eclat to the event. The advent into society marks the fact that the girl has reached years of discretion. Her school days are over, and she is old enough to take upon herself the responsibilities of life.

In days gone by 16 or even 15 was not thought too young for a girl's debut, but nowadays mothers have become more sensible. They see and understand of what value the last years or so of school life are to a girl, and do not wish her to marry before her mind and judgment are formed.

Seventeen is the earliest age at which a girl "comes out" nowadays in good society, and 18 is far more general.

Sensible mothers convert the last two years of a girl's school life into something distantly resembling that of a cloistered nun.

That is to say, they cut off all those juvenile festivities to which the little girl used to go, and keep her quite in the background.

There is a double motive in this. It will render her appearance in society all the more striking and attractive, because she has not been in evidence before, and it will enhance all her own pleasure in grown up society, because she has not had the keen edge of it taken off by a premature taste of its joys.

It will above all things preserve a girlish freshness and charm, which are the greatest attractions a girl has to offer, but which seldom outlast any long experience of society and the world.

The Princess of Wales, who is indeed a model mother, kept her girls in the schoolroom until they were 18, and did not even contemplate matrimony in connection with them until they were long past the age when they would be considered on the shelf in continental European countries.

The Prince's Favorite Dogs.

The Prince of Wales has one invariable companion in all his travels. This is the Dandie Dinmont which belonged to the Duke of Clarence and has since then become the prince's favorite among the numerous dogs which he possesses. He feeds it always himself. Other though lesser favorites are Newmarket Tip, a collie; Sam, a clever poodle of many tricks; Little Billy, beloved of the Princess of Wales; the famous Basset hound of prize taking notoriety, and a glorious Lapland sledge dog.

ABOUT RUBIES.

Some Famous Gems That Are Identified With Historical Personages—Superstitions Regarding the Stone.

From time immemorial precious stones have exercised a mysterious fascination over the human mind. In eastern lands they have been worshiped with divine honors. The luring light within them has been deemed the outward sign of the indwelling of a divinity. All over the world men have fought and died for them; women have associated their beauty with the holiest pledges; love and romance have ever surrounded them, and their presence has been held to confer every species of good fortune. Therefore it is that their history and folklore must ever be transcendently attractive.

Foremost among gems stands the ruby. As a strictly popular favorite the diamond is usually given precedence, but experts agree that a perfect ruby is at once rarer and far more valuable than a flawless diamond. The basis of this stone, as of the sapphire and amethyst, is alumina, the mineral earth in its natural state, called also corundum (truly a prosaic origin for so much beauty and one which might furnish the text for a homily). The word "ruby" is derived from the low Latin rubinus, or robinus, which suggests also the etymology of the name "Robin," since it means simply red. The French, German and Italian versions—rubis, rubin, rubino—carry out the same idea, but the Greeks more poetically called the gem "anthrax," signifying live coal or fire, in allusion to the luring light which dames in the very heart of a fine ruby and causes the Hindoo to revere it as the abode of a soul imprisoned for a time ere being admitted to the paradise of Buddha.

Rubies have been found in Siam, in Ceylon, in Brazil and even in Australia, but the best come from the famous mines in Burma, which until the conquest of the king were closed to western enterprise. The Burmese have the curious belief that rubies are originally white, but that they become red as they ripen in the ground. In the days when the products of the mines belonged exclusively to his Burmese majesty of unpleasing memory it was the custom for bags of coarse ruby dust, the refuse from the workings, to be placed under the foundations of all public buildings, in order to propitiate the gods and insure good fortune. The king kept all the finest stones that were found, and it is still believed that his chief treasures are buried in Mandalay.

Besides the oriental or pigeon blood ruby, the most valuable of all, there are several other kinds, including the balas, or rose red, the spinel and the carbuncle. The spinel ruby has a yellow light in the center and can thus be easily distinguished. People speak sometimes of "star rubies," but these do not belong to the same family. They are asterias, or star stones, not true gems, although both pretty and curious. Owing to the internal construction they reflect a six rayed star. The blue and green varieties are spoken of erroneously as star sapphires and star emeralds. It is recorded that Helen of Troy wore one of these stones in a ring and attributed all her conquests to its magic powers.

There are, of course, false rubies on the market to entrap unwary purchasers. Such imitations are made with small stones joined together and may be distinguished, say the experts, by the absence of "silk," the trade term for the characteristic beauty of the genuine stone. One great authority has even gone so far as to tell us that the balas should not be counted a true ruby at all, but this a patriotic Briton would call hypercritical, for is not the historic stone which holds the proud position in front of the crown of England described in the ancient inventory of the regalia as "a very great ballace?"

The story of this gem, though well known, is romantic enough to bear repetition here. It was given by Pedro of Castile to the Black Prince in gratitude for his assistance at the battle of Najera. Edward wore it at Cressy, and it was set in the helmet of Henry V, who bore it through the field of Agincourt. After that its fortunes varied with those of the English sovereigns. It was frequently pawned and at last taken to Holland by the queen of Charles I for the purpose of "raising the wind." Being unredeemed, it subsequently fell into the hands of Peter the Great, when that monarch was enrolled on the list of carpenters in the employ of the East India company at Amsterdam studying the English art of shipbuilding. When he went to England, he took the great ruby, which was still in its rough state and valued at $50,000, in his pocket, wrapped in a piece of brown paper. On arrival at Windsor castle he presented it to William III in return, say some authorities, for the gift of the ship the Royal Transport. William had the stone placed where it now is, in the crown. It is rounded in shape, like a large, ripe cherry, and a hole bored in its center is filled by a smaller ruby.

The great balas is not, of course, the largest ruby known. The Emperor Rudolph II is said to have possessed one as large as a hen's egg, but its color, the criterion of value, was inferior. No one seems to know what has become of the three rubies known as the "Three Brethren" and owned by Charles the Bold, the great duke of Burgundy, but they would seem to have at one time formed part of the British crown jewels, for there is in the British museum a letter from James I to his son, wherein he writes, "I send you for your wearing the Three Brethren." The ring which weds the English sovereign to the country, being placed on the right hand during the coronation ceremonies, is composed of a large "table" or square cut ruby, on which is graven the cross of St. George.

The famous Mazarin rubies eventually became the property of the late Mrs. Ayer of New York. Another American who owns superb stones is Mrs. Bradley Martin, whose parure is valued at $200,000. Among English beauties Mrs. Crawshay has perhaps the best collection of these stones, and the Duchesse de Luynes bears off the palm among French ruby fanciers.

Much has already been written concerning the superstitions connected with this gem. The fortieth anniversary of marriage is called the "ruby wedding," but it is as a porte bonheur for those born in July that the stone is most prized, as it is supposed to preserve them from mistaken friendships, to prevent love troubles, or at least to insure forgetfulness of them, and to betray the presence of poison by turning pale. The birth stone superstition is of Polish origin. Nearly every nation, however, has contributed something to the folklore of the ruby. The Egyptians credited it with the power of dispelling melancholy and quenching thirst in the desert. The Hindoos say that it warns its owner of danger, and that it inspires the lover of a woman who wears it to brave and noble deeds. It has been hailed as the peacemaking stone, for it calms anger and restrains inordinate imagination.

But perhaps the most poetic of all the myths associated with the "king of gems" is the Persian legend of the elixir of life, which an angel brought to Sultan Suleiman. The precious draft was contained in a ruby cup, formed of the sunset rays solidified, and the monarch was bidden to drink it if he would have everlasting youth on earth. He took counsel with the djins, the peris, with men and women, with beasts and birds. All advised him to drink and to become immortal, all save the dove, who, summoned from her nest, paused to ask if the gift of perpetual life extended also to those whom Suleiman loved. "Nay," said the king, "the cup is for me alone." "Then," said the white dove, "better were death than life bereft of love." Suleiman, seeing, as in a vision, the long, dark vista of the barren years, shuddered and dashed the fatal cup to the ground, and the dove flew back to her nest in haste, lest her eggs should grow cold.

MODISH WINTER HATS.

Telephone Girls and Their Dress.

With the provision of new and hygienically constructed telephone stations for Vienna has come a reform in the dress of the girls employed. Experience has shown that the dust clinging to the dresses of the telephone girls when they arrive at work finds its way to the instruments and brings about a disturbance in the telephonic service. To avoid this the girls will now be required to wear a uniform during office hours. On arrival they are to remove their street dresses and put on others provided by the government, made up of stuff similar to that used for dust cloaks. The material is dark in color, and on the sleeves are yellow stripes, in imitation of the national colors. The girls are also compelled to take off their outdoor shoes and substitute for them a slipper-like shoe.

At a prize contest for national music and dances, held in the Norwegian town of Skien, the first prize for dancing was taken by an old gentleman of 80, who went through the Halling dance.

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN.

Ultra swell London women are wearing monocles.

The commanding officers who served under Admiral Sampson have presented Mrs. Sampson with a handsome loving cup. It contains miniature representations of the Spanish vessels sunk off Santiago, and the inscription refers to "the war between the United States and Spain, which resulted in the destruction of the Spanish squadron under Admiral Cervera at Santiago."

The Princesses Victoria and Maud are the most enthusiastic cyclists in the British royal family. On one occasion at Sandringham, when they were riding together, an old countryman, scandalized at lady bicyclists and unaware of their identity, lectured them in round terms and finished by calling them "bold hussies," a novel experience for the princesses.

Marriages among the aristocracy in India—that is, the English contingent—seem to be great affairs. Lady Elizabeth Bruce and Mr. Babington Smith had for their marriage a wedding cake made for them by Lord Elgin's cook. It was nine feet high and weighed 700 pounds.

Speaking of Bismarck, the late empress of Austria once said: "He could not bear women, with the single exception of his wife. He disliked queens. The first time I saw him he was exceedingly stiff. He would have liked to say, 'The ladies had better remain in their apartments.' I think all his hatred of England is on account of the queen. The poor Empress Frederick has also had to suffer.

The Swedish bride fills her pockets with bread, which she dispenses to every one she meets on her way to church, every piece she disposes of averting, as she believes, a misfortune.

Miss Lucy Withers, a pretty schoolteacher of Golden, Kan., made a wager with Harold Owens, a young ranchman, of a thousand kisses against $1,000 worth of live stock that Jerry Simpson would be returned to congress. Mr. Owens is going to receive his kisses at the rate of 20 a week. This will finish up the payment in time to make a new wager on the presidential election.

At the Russian court there are two innovations latterly—the use of the English language as much as or even more than the French and the permission accorded to any gentleman of good social position to ask any lady of rank—with the one exception of the czarina—to dance with him.

THE WORLD'S GOLD

The United States Has Large Share.

AN ALMOST SENSATIONAL EXHIBIT.

Our Commercial Status Tremendously Advancing.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The United States is acquiring 75 percent of the entire world's production of gold. During the last 30 months, or since the first of July, 1896, the total stock of gold in actual circulation in the United States, according to the estimates of the director of the mint, has increased $383,000,000, making a total of approximately $950,000,000. Director Roberts estimates the stock of gold at the beginning of the present month at $925,000,000. Imports and additions from American and Canadian mines, including the Klondike, will increase the total to $950,000,000 by the end of the calendar year, as against $567,476,000 on July 1, 1896, an increase of 68 percent in 2½ years. On Jan. 1 of the present year the total gold stock in this country was $746,245,000. It will be seen therefore that the gain during the 12 months will be close to $200,000,000, which is within about $20,000,000 of the world's output for the calendar year 1897. The production for 1898 will be $30,000,000 or $1,000,000 greater than that of the preceding year, according to the estimates of experts. From Jan. 1, 1898, down to Nov. 30 last, our excess of imports of gold over exports was $134,411,000. The December record will increase this total to about $145,000,000. But for the fact that our European customers have taken to asking longer credits of American exporters and in many cases actually borrowing money in order to stave off the payment of trade balances, the volume of gold from the other side would have been much larger.

The foregoing exhibit may properly be considered as almost sensational. It demonstrates that this country is changing from a position of a debtor nation to that of a creditor nation. It indicates that the United States is to become in the 20th century what England has been in the 19th—the chief commercial, manufacturing and trading nation of the world, with the world's clearing house situated on the western shores of the Atlantic instead of on the eastern.

While our stock of gold has increased at this unparalleled rate in the past 30 months silver has been no laggard in the race. The store of white metal in this country has increased since July 1, 1896, from $595,781,000 to $638,200,000, a gain of $131,439,000. Much of the silver now produced in the United States finds a market in London and China.

Incidentally it may be stated that the per capita circulation of the United States is greater than it has ever been in the history of the country. On Dec. 1 last it was $25.09. The total amount in circulation was $1,886,879,000. The population of the country was estimated by the treasurer at 75,194,000. The circulation has increased $165,000,000 since Jan. 1 last. The statement that will be given out by the treasury department on the first of the coming month will show a still further increase in the circulation both total and per capita.

MEDICINE TAXATION.

Washington, Dec. 24.—An important opinion, approved by the attorney general, was sent to the secretary of the treasury yesterday, construing section 20 of the war revenue act, relative to taxes under schedule B, on medicinal articles and preparations. The opinion holds that the subjects of taxation under the said section and schedule are confined to such compounded, patent, trade mark and proprietary medicines as are put up in packages ready for use by the consumer without the intervention of a physician or pharmacist. On the other hand, it is held that the law does not tax medicinal preparations which are compounded or which, if compounded, are put up under medical or pharmaceutical names for classification for the use of physicians in practice or druggists or pharmacists in their trade. This decision is of general importance to the medicine and drug business throughout the country, and has the effect of relieving from stamp tax many standard medicines such as the serums and many others.

WILL PREVENT BOODLING.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The war department authorizes the following: "The following order has been sent by the secretary of war to the commanding officers in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines: Until otherwise ordered, no grant or concessions of public or corporate rights or franchises for the construction of public or quasi-public works, such as railroads, tramways, telegraph and telephone lines, etc., shall be made by any municipal or other local governmental authority or body in Cuba, Porto Rico or the Philippines, except upon the approval of the major general commanding the forces of the United States in Cuba, Porto Rico or the Philippines, who shall, before approving any such grant or concession, be specially authorized by the secretary of war."

NEW COUNTERFEIT OUT.

Washington, Dec. 24.—A new counterfeit $1 silver certificate has been discovered. It is of the series of 1896, Bruce register; Roberts treasurer, and apparently printed from photo-etched plates on heavy bond paper. No attempt has been made to imitate the silk fibre, and the treasury number has been traced with blue writing fluid, which blurs when dampened, as does the red coloring applied to the seal. The execution is poor and the work would deceive only the most careless handlers.

ORDERED TO JOIN DEWEY.

Washington, Dec. 24.—An order issued by the secretary of the navy directs the distilling ship Iris, now accompanying the battleships Oregon and Iowa on their trip around the horn, to leave Callao, Peru, on her arrival there this week, and make a course across the Pacific to Manila, where her services are required by the ships of Admiral Dewey's fleet.

NURSES FOR CUBA.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The surgeon general's office sent six female trained nurses to Cuba from New York today. They are destined for the division hospital at Puerto Principe. Fifty other female nurses were started for Cuba Dec. 15, and it is intended to place 100 altogether with the division hospitals of the Seventh corps.

AN EYE ON THE SIOUX.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The war department has taken steps to strengthen the military forces in the Sioux Indian country, South Dakota. This is merely precautionary, as the officials deem it advisable to be prepared for any possible contingency which may arise.

WASHINGTON BRIEFS.

Secretary Hay has resumed his duties at the state department, although still suffering from the effects of the grip.

Adjutant General Corbin has gone to New York to spend Christmas. He expects to return next Tuesday.

The navy department sent out a general order to all of the nine naval stations that the strictest economy is to be exercised in all expenditures of public money by the department's officers.

The postmaster general announces the establishment of seven additional postal stations in Cuba, as follows: Pinar del Rio, Guanajay, Mariel, Trinidad, Las Tunas, Sancti Spiritus and Cardenas.

There will be no proceedings on the part of the navy department against Chief Engineer Robinson, the chief of the engineering department at the League island navy yard, and he has been detached and sent home on waiting orders.

AN UNFORTUNATE WOMAN.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 24.—Annie O'Neil mysteriously disappeared from the Cambridge hospital last evening, barefooted, and clad only in her nightdress, and the police have failed to discover her whereabouts. She was arrested Thursday, charged with stealing from a Cambridge family by whom she was employed, and while at the police station was taken violently ill. A physician discovered that she was in a delicate condition, and ordered her removal to the hospital. About 6 o'clock last night, during the temporary absence of her attendant, the woman made her escape through a window. It is feared that her mind became unbalanced, and that she has done herself harm.

TAR AND FEATHERS ADVOCATED.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—An attempt has been made to arouse the people of this city to violence as a result of the acquittal of Walter Rosser, the Tennessee soldier who killed Henry Hildebrand. Flaming posters have been conspicuously displayed on bill boards advocating tar and feathers for the 12 jurors who acquitted Rosser. Chief of Police Lees says that he will make an effort to have Rosser indicted for the attempted murder of Willie Lynch, whom he fired at when he killed Hildebrand.

ANOTHER DROP IN SUGAR.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—The western headquarters of Arbuckle Bros. yesterday announced another cut in the price of refined sugar. Quotations of 5.14 cents per pound were made to retail dealers direct, jobbers being ignored. This is about 3-16th of a cent below the American Sugar Refining company's price. The reduction in prices made by the Arbuckles has not been met by the trust.

WEALTH TO BE INCREASED.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Thomas H. Watson and his wife, who was Miss Emma Spreckels, daughter of the sugar king, are completing arrangements for an extended tour of the world. Mr. Watson has also in view the acquisition of property valued at £9,000,000. He has in his possession papers which, he claims, shows him to be entitled to about one half of the town of Carlisle, Eng.

ENFORCED THE LAW.

Cumberland, Md., Dec. 24.—John W. Bowling, colored, and Martha Craven, the white woman he married, were each sentenced by Judge Boyd yesterday to 18 months in the penitentiary, the minimum penalty for miscegenation. The judge, in passing sentence, said it was the first prosecution of the kind in Maryland.

HOBSON IN 'FRISCO.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Lieutenant R. P. Hobson arrived here last night and was given a public reception at the Palace hotel. The great courtyard of the building was crowded and hundreds of people were unable to gain admission. After the reception Lieutenant Hobson was the guest of the Friday Night club.

FOUR CARS SMASHED.

Portland, Me., Dec. 24.—The Grand Trunk express was three hours late in arriving in Portland last night, owing to an accident which occurred near Contocook, P. Q., in the morning. A west-bound freight train broke apart and the two sections collided. Four cars were smashed, but no one was hurt.

EMPLOYES SHARE IN PROFITS.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 24.—The Bourne mill yesterday paid its 19th semi-annual dividend to employes, under the profit-sharing system. The dividend is 3 percent, from June 12 to Dec. 10, and it realized from $6 to $19 for each operative. The last dividend was 2 percent.

CONFESSED GUILT.

Pawtucket, R. I., Dec. 24.—Louis Bertrand, aged 18 years, was arrested yesterday on the charge of committing a felonious assault upon Jessie H. Burchell on Nov. 13 in Lonsdale. He confessed to the officers.

BELONGED IN CONNECTICUT.

New York, Dec. 24.—The body of a man who hung himself yesterday morning on a fence at Twelfth avenue and Fifty-sixth street has been identified as that of Paul Thomas, 45 years old, a furrier of South Norwalk, Conn.

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CORDIAL EXCHANGE OF CIVILITIES.

Privileges for the Spanish Troops in Cuba.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Havana, Dec. 24.—At the joint meeting of the United States and Spanish military commissioners yesterday, the program was finally agreed upon for the change of flags on Jan. 1 at noon. Just before 12 o'clock the American war vessels will fire a salute of 21 guns in honor of the Spanish flag. Promptly at 12 the Spanish flags on the various public buildings will be lowered; and immediately thereafter the Stars and Stripes will be hoisted over El Morro and the public buildings of the city, while Spanish artillerists at Cabanas fortress will salute the American flag with 21 guns, Spanish warships in the harbor participating in the salute. At the same hour the Spanish troops, if any remain in the city, will be paraded in barracks and will render proper salutes to the American forces passing.

Just before noon the United States and Spanish military commissioners, General Jiminez Castellanos, the Spanish captain general, and the ranking American officer in Cuba—Major General John R. Brooke, if he arrives in time, and otherwise Major General Lee—will assemble at the palace. The Spanish commissioners will then formally surrender the government to the United States commissioners, who will immediately transfer it to the American general commanding. After this the various functionaries will remain a while to receive those who may wish to pay their respects, or incoming authorities.

It was agreed at the joint meeting that the Spanish troops remaining in Cuba after Jan. 1 should be considered in the light of foreign troops in a friendly country, and be accorded the privileges usually granted under international law. The quarters, buildings and grounds occupied by them are to be covered by the immunities of extra territoriality; and further stipulations were entered into respecting the prevention of any disturbance of public order consequent upon their presence.

Matanzas and Cienfuegos will doubtless be the only places where Spanish troops will remain after Jan 1, and Cienfuegos will be evacuated last. The Spanish sick in the hospitals will remain under the safeguard of the American flag, the Spanish authorities providing medicines and attendance, with food, and repatriating them on recovery.

Generals Wade, Butler and Clous, accompanied by their aides-de-camp, were received at the palace yesterday with full military honors. The Spanish trumpeters blew a fanfare and the palace guards saluted. The same ceremony marked the retirement of the American officers.

The Eighth and Tenth regular infantry regiments occupied the forts at El Vedado yesterday, but there are no American flags in sight.

The Spanish transport Alfonso XIII left today for Cadiz with 1100 officers and men, and the Hapsburg for Barcelona with 1700. The transport Porto Rico will sail tomorrow for Vigo, Spain, with 1300 officers and men.

PORTO RICAN EVENTS.

San Juan, Dec. 24.—During the last week the most important occurrence in San Juan has been the departure of General R. Brooke and the installation of General Guy V. Henry as military governor of Porto Rico. Upon assuming the duties of governor general, General Henry has expressed what his future policy with regard to the administration of public affairs will be, and this new policy (the government policy of Americanizing the insular institutions) has been outlined in two letters addressed to the president and members of the insular cabinet. These letters have been made public; but, until they are translated and published in Spanish in the various island papers, we will not hear how the new policy is received by the people at large.

CUBAN GRATITUDE.

Santiago, Dec. 24.—Senor Bacardi, mayor of Santiago, accompanied by the city council, visited General Wood yesterday and presented him with an old Spanish medal of honor, of embossed gold, with a chain, and a parchment scroll containing the words, "To make one's self beloved of the people in difficult moments is the best of victories." The deputation requested General Wood to forward a similar medal to President McKinley, with a scroll containing the declaration: "A people never forgets its benefactors."

ASSAULTED A WOMAN.

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 24.—Walter McNally was arrested here yesterday for assaulting a woman named Catherine Warringer, with whom he was living. He is a brother of Jimmy McNally, the green goods king. The woman was only slightly injured.

EIGHT MEN LOST.

New Haven, Dec. 24.—Underwriters have given up as lost the three-masted schooner Howard H. Hanscomb, formerly hailing from this port. It is believed that the vessel foundered in the November blizzard, and that the eight members of her crew were lost. She was bound from Philadelphia for Providence.

WILLING TO ARBITRATE.

Montreal, Dec. 24.—General Manager Hays of the Grand Trunk railway suggested that the complaint of the operators be sumbitted to arbitration. The operators have accepted the suggestion of arbitration, and have sent Hays a message to that effect.

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TO LET—Blacksmith shop. Inquire Connors Bros., Thorndike street.

TO LET—A good office in the Sun building. Inquire at Sun office.

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At Very Low Prices.
70 Central St. Cor. Prescott.

FOR SALE.

SLEIGHS—I believe I can show the best "Old Comfort Sleigh" and "Business Sleigh" ever shown in Lowell for the money. Also elegant pair of "Japanese Seal" robes, gray and black wolf robes, wagons, as usual. J. F. Libby, 69 Robbins St.

FOR SALE—A first class confectionery store on one of the principal streets doing a good cigar, tobacco and fruit trade. Owner having other business is obliged to sell. Call at this office.

FOR SALE—Near Wilder and Middlesex streets, 2 story house; all modern improvements. Good location. Price $3100. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

FOR SALE—Near Chelmsford street, cottage house of 7 rooms. Price $1000. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

FOR SALE—15 acre farm, 7 miles from Lowell, not far from electrics. Easy terms; price only $800. T. H. Elliott, 64 Central street.

CALL at 359 Market street to buy or sell second-hand furniture.

FOR SALE—Near Shaw street, 2 tenement house, good sized lot of land. Price $2200. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

FOR SALE—Ten R.I.P.A.N.S for 5 cents at druggists. One gives relief.

FOR SALE—All kinds of boarding and lodging houses and at all prices, large and small, corp. and street, at G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

LADIES—Chichester English Pennyroyal Pills (Diamond Brand) are the best, safe, reliable. Take no other. Send 4c. in stamps for particulars, "Relief for Ladies," in letter by return mail. At druggists. Chichester Chemical Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

FOR SALE—On Varnum avenue, good large house and barn, lots of fruit, 7 acres of land. Price and terms to suit you. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

MENTHOL CREAM Shampoo is used in all leading hair-dressing and bath parlors in New England. Menthol Cream Shampoo removes dandruff and all humors of the scalp. It contains alcohol, glycerin and menthol. It gives a rich, creamy lather and when used in the bath will remove pimples, etc., leaving the skin clear and soft. 25c. per bottle. Sold by leading druggists.

LADIES—My Monthly Regulator has brought happiness to hundreds of anxious women. I have never had a single failure; no other doctor can say this. Longest cases relieved in from 2 to 5 days without fail. No pain, no danger, no interference with work; price $2 by mail or at office. Consultation free. All letters truthfully answered. Dr. Tolman Co., 170 Tremont street, Boston.

FOR SALE—Near Gorham street and city line, 20 acres of land; lots of wood and timber, and lots of good tillage land. This is a bargain. Price $2000. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE LOWELL Cycle Co. will send for your wheel, store and clean it for the winter. 23 Post Office ave.

SIGNS At lowest prices at Spencer's, 22 Middle street.

PROFITABLE HOME WORK—We want a few men or women in every town, to make novelties for us at their homes; can work day or evening or spare time, and make $5 to $15 weekly, according to the time devoted to the work; experience unnecessary; no canvassing; steady employment the year around; plain instructions and work sent to your home on application. BRAZILIAN MFG CO., N. Y. City.

MONEY TO LOAN

We loan money on good SECOND MORTGAGES. We also make building loans and buy houses for you on the "Rent pays for home" plan. AMERICAN INVESTORS' CO., 187 Central Street, Lowell. Office hours 2 to 8 p. m.

SPECIAL FOR CHRISTMAS

The most useful and durable present is an Indelible Marker for Linen or a Pocket Pencil Stamp. Price of each complete, 15c. Family Printing Outfits from 25c. to $2. Boys' Handy Printer $50. Everything in the line of RUBBER STAMPS at wholesale prices.
J. M. FELLOWS, 188 Merrimack St.

James Walsh,
Florist and nursery man, also landscape gardener. Floral designs for all occasions. Choice cut flowers always on hand. Plants, trees, shrubs, etc. Westford street cars pass our conservatories.
CONCRETE paver and dealer in coal, tar and pitch. Orders solicited for putting down sidewalks, garden walks, warehouse and stable floors, street pavements, etc., etc., also asphalt and gravel roofing. 165 Highland Avenue, Lowell, Mass.

LANTERNS
FOR
House, Mill, Stable
Carriage
And out-of-door use. Lantern Globes in white, red and blue. Parts of Lanterns lost or destroyed, furnished.

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63 TO 67 MARKET STREET.

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SUFFOLK LOAN CO.
(CORPORATION.)
346 Washington Street, Boston, up one flight. (Near entrance to Boston Tavern.)
MONEY TO LOAN
At legal rates of interest on diamonds, watches, jewelry, life insurance policies, legacies, shares, bonds or any other good security.

DR. DONEHUE, DENTIST

THE FARRAGUT HOUSE
Henry W. Garrity, Prop.
CENTRAL STREET, LOWELL, MASS.
Opposite Old Boston & Maine Depot.
The house is now under a new management, thoroughly refitted and refurnished, with all the modern improvements, steam heat and electric call bells in each room. Electric cars pass the door every few minutes. Choice cigars in sample room. Special rates to the profession.
H. H. Carey (Clerks) H. Gervais.

Now is the Time
TO BUY A
Richmond Range
If your old range is not giving satisfaction buy a RICHMOND RANGE before the coming of the severely cold weather. You will save money in doing so.
Floor Coverings of All Descriptions at the Lowest Prices
Come and see our Heating Stoves. You will wonder how we sell them so cheap.
General Furniture Satisfactory in Quality and Price.
PETER DAVEY,
134 Market Street - - - Opposite Palmer
TELEPHONE. RESIDENCE—458-2. STORE—314-2.

COME ON. COME ON. EVERYBODY COME.
See our Elegant Stock of Fine Young
Turkeys, Chickens, Ducks, Geese
Finest, Cleanest, Best Stock of Birds in the City. You should look at them, you must look at them, if you want the nicest, cleanest, fowl you have bought in many a year. Prices are of no account. We have got the goods to sell, and sell we must.
Diamond Medal Flour, $4.75 Bbl., 60c. Bag. Best Flour in Lowell. Take a turn towards our store,
Central Cash Market
Cor. Central and Charles Streets.
Tel., 606-3.—Branch N. Billerica.

If You Are Buying.... Christmas Presents
Don't Forget That we Carry a Large Line of
Jardinieres, Lamps, Dinner, Tea and Toilet Sets, Chinaware, Vases, Dolls, Toys, Sleds, at 50 per cent. less than down town prices.
O'BRIEN BROS., TEA DEALERS,
77 East Merrimack Street.

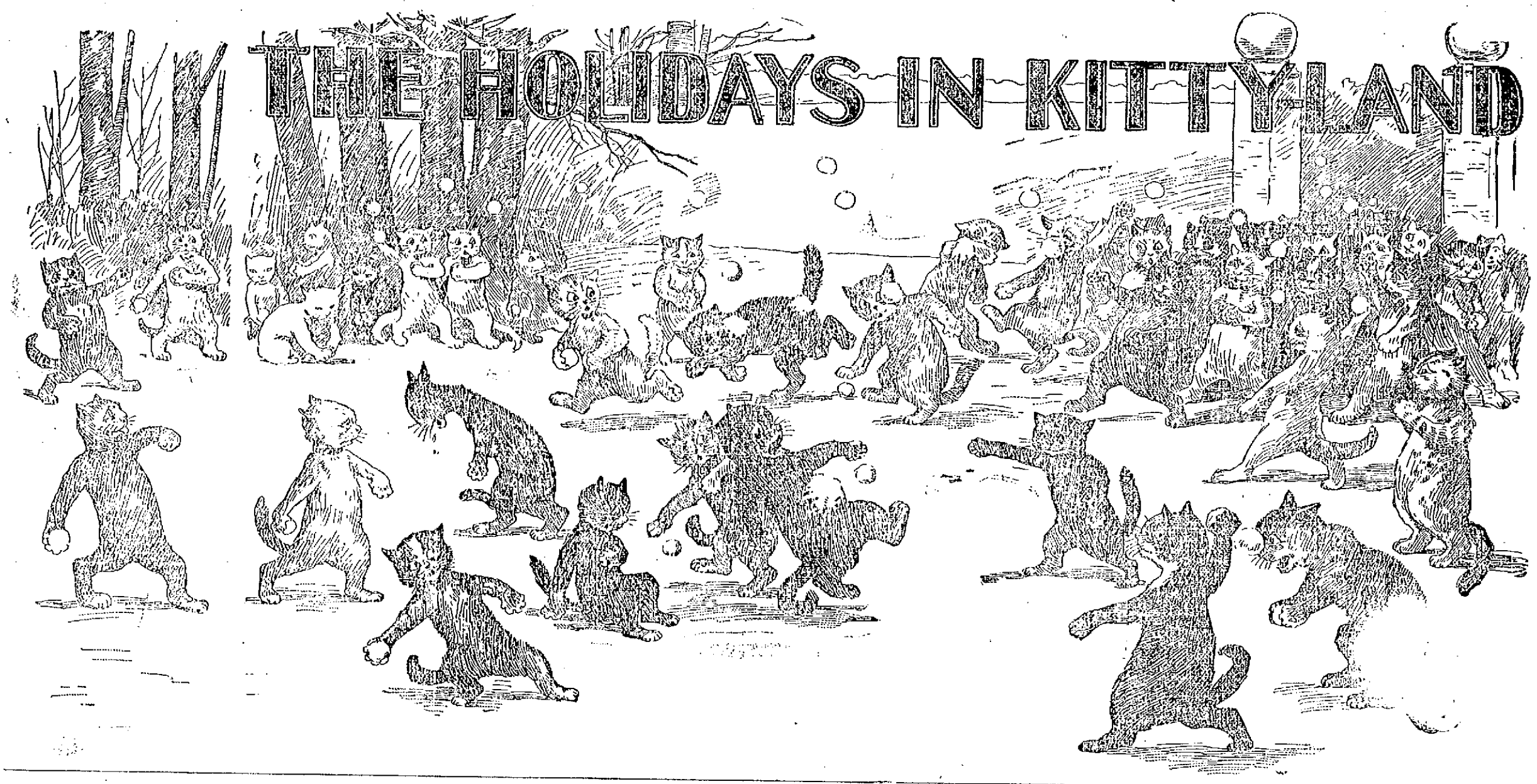
Look Out for Lower Prices on
POULTRY
The Market Breaking.
Banner Market Grocery
68, 70, 72 Prescott Street,

TEETH
No Charge For Extracting
Every set warranted to be the same teeth that other dentists ask $15 and $18 for, and every set warranted to fit. Gold Fillings and Gold Crown work a specialty. Teeth filled with Gold by Electricity. No pain. Teeth Extracted Without Pain by our new method. Thirty years' experience. Artificial teeth without plates, also Rootless Plates. Teeth extracted and replaced the same day as extracted, no need of going without. No Sunday work. Office hours: 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. Not open evenings. DR. J. K. BICKELL & SON, Painless Dentists, Rooms 24, 26, 28, Runels' Bld'g, cor. Mer'k & Bridge.
$5 to $10 a Set

IN TRIMMED MILLINERY
The season is now at its height. The styles have reached their full development. The ripened fruit of our best millinery efforts is now laid before you in assortments that any store may justly be proud of, and at prices that are shorn of all fancy profits. We can satisfy your every possible want, for there is practically nothing really desirable in millinery that you will not find on our counters.
For this week we offer some values that fairly sparkle with attractiveness.
HEAD & SHAW, THE MILLINERS.
169 MERRIMACK STREET.

P. F. Devine's Branch, 88 Merrimack Street.
BAGS, TRUNKS, DRESS SUIT CASES
In fact everything the well equipped traveler requires, at special "OPENING" prices. Our Middlesex Street store is not abandoned. In both stores a full and complete line of latest style leather goods.

THE HOLIDAYS IN KITTYLAND



DECIDEDLY ENGLISH, YOU KNOW.

"If I were to tell you, Miss Wynne, that I was suffering from an intense desire, which could only be alleviated by a closer proximity to those ruby lips, what would you say?"

"I should say—Oh, curate!"

NO CHANCE FOR GLORY.

O'Toole—Shure an it's little use to foight wid a nayghur! Two black eyes hov Oi given this wan an divil a bit does he show it!—New York Evening Journal.

A Sorry Combination.

With something like abject despair
A woman's heart is filled
Whenever on her tea gown rare
A drop of coffee's spilled.

Miss Molly.

Miss Molly went ter meetin—
De sweetes' gal in town.
De preacher stop his preachin,
De mo'ners all took roun!

Oh, Miss Molly,
Heah's de fines' pew;
De angels all a-peepin
En smilin down at you!

Miss Molly went ter meetin—
De organ start ter play
Des like it wuz a-sayin,
"I glad you come dis way!"

Oh, Miss Molly,
Heah's de fines' pew;
De angels all a-peepin
En smilin down at you!
—Atlanta Constitution.

Delicate Hearing.

Pat—Me horse has got the most dilicate sluse of hearin in the world. Why, he can hear the command to stop even before I git the word out of me mouth!—London Judy.

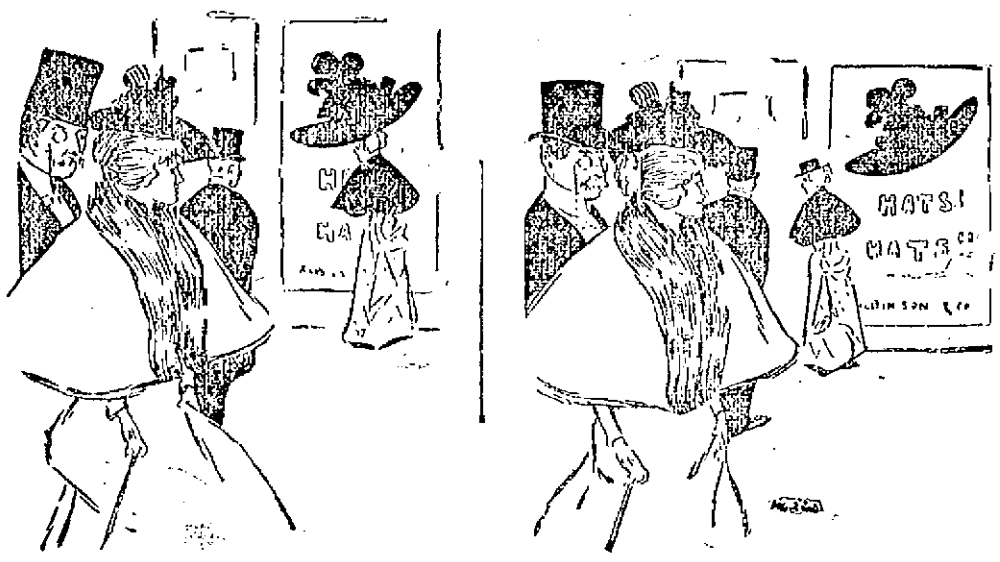
Working Class Cats.

"Those new neighbors must be very ordinary people."

"Why?"

"Their cats catch mice."—Chicago Record.

AN UP TO DATE ILLUSION.



"Good gracious! Look over there at that girl's hat!"
"Surely the limit has at last been reached!"

Narrow Escape.

If all the world should love us,
How full were sorrow's cup!
The cash we'd spend at Christmas
Would simply break us up.
—Chicago Record.

More Information.

Bobby—Popper, what does "pot valiant" mean?

Mr. Ferry—The fellow who stays all through on a hob flush is one of 'em.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Violet scent suits many people,
New mown hay some folk admire.
Give me, as a winter perfume,
Apples roasting by the fire.

Polk Miller Is In Town.

Polk Miller, with his banjo—
He knocks the numbers down,
And the happy folks are singing,
"Polk Miller is in town!"

He comes from old Virginny—
A smile gives for a frown;
It's glory, hallelujah!
Polk Miller is in town!
—Atlanta Constitution.

It's a Mistake.

The reason table etiquette
A starving boy provokes
Is 'cause it wasn't made, you bet,
By very hungry folks.
—L. A. W. Bulletin.

Which?

In trying to decide if "wound"
Is most correctly rhymed with "swooned"
Or else with words like "found" and "sound"
The poet's head goes round and round.
—New York Evening Journal.

Our Deference For Age.

"Mark Twain says that humorous lecturing isn't becoming to one of his years."

"Perhaps he thinks we wouldn't have the heart to laugh at his gray hairs."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

NOT HER FAULT.

Mistress: "Bridget, I can't have my kitchen crowded with your company all the time."

Bridget: "Sure and it's yer own fault, mum! Yez should have engaged a plainer person than meself."

With His Uncle.

Bill—Have you got a watch?
Jill—Certainly.
"Is it going?"
"Not with me."—Exchange.

Aristocracy of Doltdom.

"My doll can shut her eyes and go to sleep just lovely."

"Huh! My doll never goes to sleep at all. She's got insomnier."—Chicago Record.

Internal Uprisings.

My trip across the sea would bring
Sweet thoughts that I might treasure
Had it not been that many a thing
Came up to mar my pleasure.
—L. A. W. Bulletin.

Good Talker.

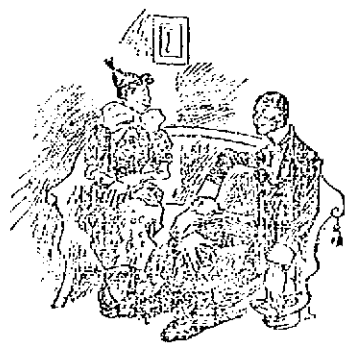
Bill—Is your wife much of a conversationalist?

Jill—Is she? Why, that woman can't yawn without opening her mouth about it!—Yonkers Statesman.

His Poor Argument.

"Your money is nothing at all to me!"
The lover impatiently cried.
"Then get out; you haven't a business head!"
Her rich old father replied.

PUNISHMENT ENOUGH.



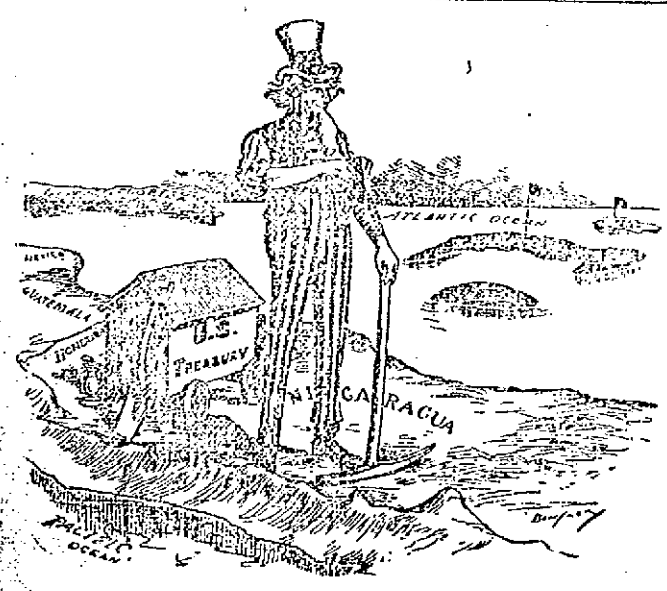
Julia Shea—Phwat pinance did Father McCarthy give yez phwin yez towld him yez kissed me?

Mike Ryan—Divil th' bit. He sed Oi hod done me pinance at th' toime!—Up to Date.

An Object of Pursuit.

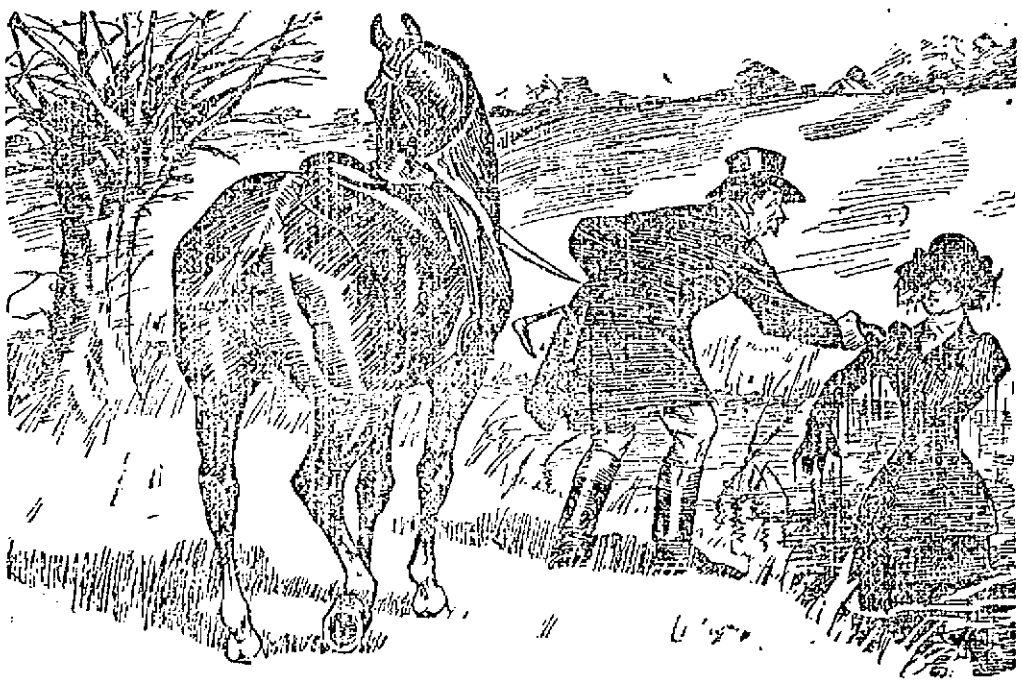
"It is money that makes a man important."

"I don't know; it seems to me I'm of more importance when I haven't any money."—Chicago Record.



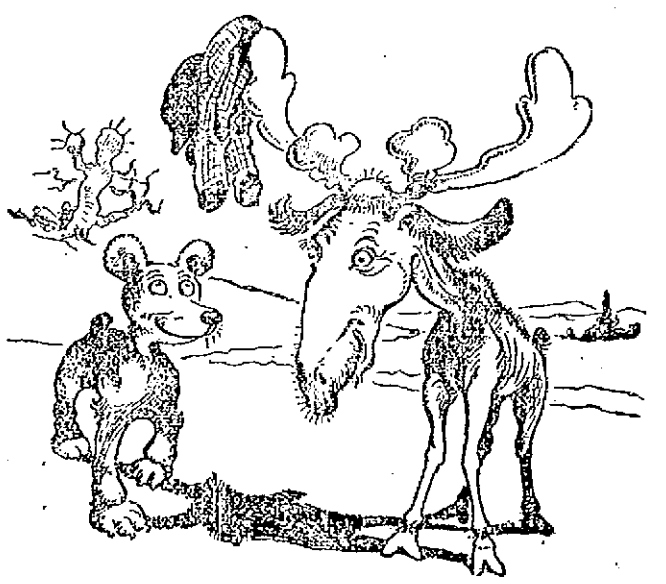
Your Uncle Sam has successfully tackled bigger undertakings than this.

A MIGHTY TIMELY QUOTATION.



Brown (helping lady out of water): "'Pon my word, Miss Smith, you remind me exactly of what's her name rising from the what you call it!"

WANTED—AN OWNER.



"Say, Bruin, if you happen to see a scared looking hunter about just tell him to come back and get his trousers!"

LEO AND THE WAR

His Holiness Opposed to Extermination.

A RAP AT THE ITALIAN REGIME.

He Claims Further Rigors Threaten the Clergy.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Rome, Dec. 24.—The pope, at the reception of the Christmas greetings of the cardinals and other prelates, yesterday, appeared to be in excellent health. Replying to their congratulations, he referred to the "sinister events of 1898," and said it was high time the governments of Europe unite to stop "unheard of outrages and savage exterminations." But, the pontiff added, this could not be expected "until the fear of God, the basis of all morality, is revived in the conscience of the people and becomes the guiding principle of the organization of states."

In regard to the present position of the church in Italy the pope pointed out that the symptoms were not reassuring for the new year. He added that the conditions imposed upon the head of the church, in violation of his dignity and rights, "were not enough, for now it was sought to cast odium upon the press which openly espoused the defense of his interests and the interests of religion and morality."

Continuing, the pontiff remarked: "Further rigors threaten the clergy, although they are the class furthest removed from seditious designs. The obedience of the clergy to the apostolic see, whose rights they defended and whose intentions they seconded, is now being construed as a political offense. Nevertheless, imbued with the sense of their high mission and duty, the clergy will not yield either to flatteries or menaces, and their firmness is finding response in numerous laymen, deeply imbued with love for the papacy. It is thus, by the co-operation of the clergy and laity, that the salvation of coming generations is assured."

THE CLAYTON-BULWER TREATY.

London, Dec. 24.—The question of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty is freely discussed in this morning's papers. The Daily News and Daily Chronicle publish editorials asserting that Lord Salisbury ought to get some concession in return for consenting to abrogation. The Daily Chronicle points out that the canal would make the United States a great naval power in the far east, increase American naval strength in the Atlantic and alter to England's disadvantage the carrying trade to the far east.

A GERMAN TRICK.

London, Dec. 24.—The Washington government, according to a dispatch from Auckland, has instructed the United States consul to Samoa to act with greater vigilance and not to entrust his duties to his British and German colleagues. It appears the German agent has taken advantage of his colleagues' confidence to land guns and munitions of war without their knowledge, and also to obtain important advantages for German firms.

A QUESTION OF DOUBT.

Berlin, Dec. 24.—At the annual convention of the Conservative party in East Prussia yesterday, Count Klinkowstroem, referring to the meat inspection law, said that when Dr. Von Holleben, German ambassador for the United States, was asked how the United States would receive the bill, he replied that the Americans were "very sensitive with regard to petty vexations," but that, if a strong law were adopted, they would "quietly yield."

WILL LEAVE GERMANY.

Berlin, Dec. 25.—Frank Knaak of New York city, who was recently tried by the provincial court on the charge of lese majeste, in referring to Emperor William as a "sheepshead," and who was acquitted on the ground that he was intoxicated when he committed the offense, will leave for the United States next week.

SAGASTA SERIOUSLY SICK.

Madrid, Dec. 24.—The condition of Senor Sagasta, the premier, now causes grave anxiety. Six physicians were in consultation yesterday afternoon regarding his condition and concurred that he is suffering from bronchial pneumonia, with high temperature and an unfavorable absence of expectoration. The newspapers express great anxiety.

AMERICAN BID ACCEPTED.

London, Dec. 24.—The government of Victoria, according to a special dispatch from Melbourne, has accepted the tender of the Pennsylvania and Maryland Steel company for 35,000 tons of steel rails at £15,000 sterling below the English tender.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

The French chamber of deputies adopted a bill imposing a stamp duty of 1 percent on foreign securities.

Tom Broderick and Charlie McKeever fought a rattling six-round bout at Philadelphia. McKeever had the better of the fight.

The widow and daughter of General Calixto Garcia have been left in poverty and Cuban patriotic societies are contributing to their relief.

Mrs. George Bryan, residing in Thornton, Mass., committed suicide by shooting. Despondency, on account of ill health, is supposed to have prompted the act.

The residence of City Clerk Crawford of Pawtucket, R. I., was entered by unknown parties and property to the value of $100 taken.

Captain Henry D. Barry, assistant director, naval intelligence department, British admiralty, has been appointed to the command of the British squadron in Newfoundland waters, the appointment to go into effect next season.

CASTORIA.
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

NEVER EQUALLED.

Present Month's Business Memorable In Country's History.

New York, Dec. 24.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: It is a year beyond parallel, and goes to its close with the biggest volume of business ever seen. Enormous transactions at the Stock Exchange make some difference, as do heavy railroad earnings, but when all the transporting and speculative interests are eliminated there is still a much larger business than in any other month of any year. Last year the exports were in volume greater than in any previous month in the history of the country, but this year the three weeks' report shows an increase of 25 percent against 9 percent in imports, which would indicate much more than $70,000,000 excess of exports this month. Until now no greater volume of business has ever been done in the history of this country than in the closing month of this year.

Little need be said of the stock market, which has been so strong this week and for weeks before that none could lose except the sellers.

Shipments of wheat have been 4,295,701 bushels, flour included, at Atlantic ports, against 3,698,321 last year, although western receipts for three weeks have been 25,083,581 bushels, against 10,209,929 last year. Corn exports also have been 3,824,836 bushels, against 4,540,613 last year, and for the month thus far 11,012,138, against 10,867,407 last year. The price has advanced about 2¾ cents, but the continued foreign demand is astonishing.

If the cotton manufacture takes a leading place this year it is not merely because raw cotton is an eighth lower than a year ago, nor because prospects for buyers are thought good. The manufacture has been much expanded by increased demands, so that prices of nearly all the goods quoted in our report have advanced more or less, and there is a feeling that with unreasonable accumulation of print cloths out of the way, there is a brighter prospect for all goods.

Sales of wool have been large, with small as well as large manufacturers buying freely, which indicates a general improvement in the demand for goods, although not enough as yet to lift prices.

The shipments of boots and shoes from the east have been smaller than in December of last year to date, and yet larger than in any other year, exceeding those of 1892 by 14,600 cases.

The story of iron is like a dream. Eastern sales are so numerous and so large as to raise the price 25 cents. There is an enormous demand for finished products. All this business is done with full belief that the next year's demand will be greater than ever before, and it is creditable that so little advance in prices of finished products has been made. The range of prices is nearly 20 percent lower than in 1892, indicating an astonishing increase in the quantity of products exchanged.

How Europe will be able to pay more than $75,000,000 due on merchandise account for the month of December, besides the enormous balances due for November and previous months, is a question which the country can afford to consider at its leisure and with comfort.

Failures for the month thus far have been in amount $9,172,638, manufacturing $3,672,709, and trading $5,616,598. Failures for the week have been 256, against 292 in the United States last year, and 31 in Canada, against 33 last year.

NOT A PRIZE OF WAR.

Charleston, Dec. 24.—In the United States district court here yesterday, Judge Brawley handed down a decision discharging the Olindo Rodriguez, the French steamship made a prize of war by the cruiser New Orleans on July 17. The ship belonged to the Trans-Atlantic line. Judge Brawley released the ship on the ground that the blockade of San Juan was not effective on July 5, in the sense in which the term is accepted by nations.

SHUTDOWN AT AVON.

Avon, Mass., Dec. 24.—The shoe workers in L. G. Littlefield's factory have been given a surprise. The various departments began to finish up work on Wednesday, and last night the bottoming department got through. Many of the men have been told to take away their kits, which is equivalent to a discharge. The reason given is that the factory will shut down for the usual stock taking. The date of reopening the factory is not known.

STRING OF DENIALS.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Cordelia Botkin was on the witness stand in her own defense yesterday. She emphatically denied that she wrote anonymous letters sent Mrs. Dunning, or that she mailed the candy which caused the death of Mrs. Dunning and Mrs. Dean. She denied that she purchased the handkerchief sent Mrs. Dunning's little daughter, or that she purchased any candy at Haas' store, from which the candy came.

WELCOME TIDINGS.

Rockland, Me., Dec. 24.—News was received here yesterday of the safety of the schooner Yankee Maid, which had not been heard from for 43 days, and which, it was feared, had been lost. A letter was received from the captain, who says that he is at Anderson's cove, N. F., where he has been loading frozen herring. As he was 100 miles from a post-office he was unable to communicate with relatives here until this week.

WHAT WAS ALREADY KNOWN.

Boston, Dec. 24.—Trial Justice Merrill of Peabody has filed his finding on the death of Mary Louise Hurley of that town, killed on Dec. 1. After reciting briefly the facts, the justice finds that Mary Louise Hurley came to her death in consequence of an assault made upon her by her mother.

PUBLIC ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE.

New York, Dec. 24.—Frank Haspkins, a machinist, made a desperate attempt to commit suicide last night by flinging himself in front of a Third avenue cable car at the corner of Ninth street. The car was stopped before he was seriously injured, but he may lose one of his feet as the result of his action. Haspkins is 32 years old, and says his home is in Providence.

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STEAMERS CLASH

Killing One Man and Wounding Many.

RYAN KNOCKED OUT DICK O'BRIEN.

B. D. O'Connell's Petition for Freedom Refused.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

New York, Dec. 24.—The Wilson line steamer Idaho, which arrived Thursday from Hull, Eng., with her bows damaged by striking an unknown obstruction and her forepeak full of water, met with further misfortune in the upper bay yesterday by collision, in which one of her crew was killed and a second fatally injured. The Idaho came to anchor off Liberty island, and was instructed to dock at pier No. 2, Wilson's stores. As she was getting under way and swung into the channel, she was struck a glancing blow on the starboard bow by the steamship Flowergate, outward bound on her way to Philadelphia.

Four plates of the Idaho's bow were crushed in, one of them being pushed entirely into the forecastle, where William Smith and John Burch, firemen, were sleeping. The plate crushed Smith against the side of his berth, nearly decapitating him, and killing him instantly. It also caught Burch in the lower berth, breaking his collar bone and so badly injuring him internally that he will die. The Flowergate was not injured. The Idaho proceeded to her dock in Brooklyn.

'TWAS RYAN'S FIGHT.

Hartford, Dec. 24.—Tommy Ryan of Syracuse proved too much for Dick O'Brien of Boston at the Coliseum last night. The police interfered in the 14th round and saved O'Brien from an actual knockout, but so far as practical purposes were concerned he was out. Ryan had floored him a few seconds before with a right hand swing on the jaw, and Dick got on his feet again just as Referee Roche counted seven. The fight had been all knocked out of him. He was helpless, and Ryan again floored him with a vicious right hand swing. Dick came to time once more, only to fall a victim to a hard uppercut. Then Chief of Police Bill jumped into the ring and stopped the bout, Roche awarding the fight to Ryan. The action of the police was generally approved as preventing unnecessary brutality. It was Ryan's fight all the way through.

NO HABEAS CORPUS.

Boston, Dec. 24.—In the United States district court yesterday Judge Lowell dismissed the petition brought by Bernard D. O'Connel of Lowell for the writ of habeas corpus for release from the East Cambridge house of correction. O'Connel is serving out a sentence imposed in January last by the state superior court, imprisoning him one year and fining him $500 for being concerned in the bribery of city officials of Lowell. He has served out the year's imprisonment. As on Dec. 12 last he received a discharge in bankruptcy, he claimed this relieved him from payment of the fine, on the ground that the fine was a debt provable against his estate in bankruptcy.

EDITOR SENT TO JAIL.

Boston, Dec. 24.—In the Norfolk county superior court yesterday Torrey E. Wardner, the editor of the Boston Traveler, was sentenced to serve 30 days in Dedham jail by Judge Sherman for contempt of court in allowing to be published in his paper comments and editorials on the Getchell manslaughter case. These statements, in the court's opinion, would have influenced the minds of the jury, had the newspaper containing the matter reached the courthouse before the case was submitted for final consideration. Mr. Wardner intends to make a test case of the matter and fight it to the end. He is not disposed to find any fault with his sentence.

WITHOUT RESULT.

Marlboro, Mass., Dec. 24.—A meeting held yesterday afternoon was attended by the clergymen of all denominations in the city and many business men, at which the entire labor situation was discussed at considerable length. Many questions were asked and answered, but no formal action was taken as a result of the conference. The Upper Leather Cutters' union yesterday voted, 18 to 10, to surrender their charter. The union officials assert that as long as 10 members stand together the charter cannot be surrendered. The manufacturers, on the other hand, claim that the action of the cutters is evidence that they are weakening.

CAR MEN ARRESTED.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 24.—State Detective Murray and Inspector O'Day of the local police force went to Spencer yesterday and arrested Conductor Michael Galvin and Motorman Thomas Hiney, the crew in charge of the vestibule car which figured in the street car accident in Leicester on Wednesday afternoon. The prisoners furnished bonds in the sum of $5000. They will be charged with manslaughter, in causing the death of Walter H. Holbrook and John J. Kerrigan, the two victims of the disaster.

A DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY.

Boston, Dec. 24.—The official recount of votes for Frederick W. Day, Democrat, and George U. Crocker, Republican, candidates for aldermen, was completed last night, and shows that Day is elected by 97 plurality. The incoming board will, therefore, be composed of 7 Democrats and 5 Republicans.

FRAUD ALLEGED.

Milwaukee, Dec. 24.—Charles Stolper, John Stolper and Charles Stolper, Jr., who conduct the large cooperage works of the Charles Stolper Cooperage company in this city, were arrested yesterday, charged with using a stamp in imitation of that of the Coopers' union on kegs sent out from their shops. The concern is one of the largest of its kind in the country, and does business all over the United States. It makes barrels and kegs by machinery with non-union operators for the machines.

CURRENT EVENTS

CHILDREN AND THE GRIP

Danger Lies In Serious Complications That May Follow.

EVERY CASE SHOULD BE ISOLATED.

The Disease Is More Contagious In Children Than Among Adults—Temperature Should Be Uniformly Warm During the Whole Day—How to Secure Free Ventilation—Diet For the Patients—Symptoms of the Disease.

Grip is usually kind to children. The danger in childhood lies chiefly in serious complications that may follow, which are pneumonia, inflammation of the ear, difficulty with the glands of the body and disorders of the stomach and intestines. Acute grip leads to the development of tuberculosis in the young as often as does measles. Among children it may appear under one of three forms. The nervous, as in the epidemic of 1889-90, characterized by great depression and severe pains in the head, spinal region and muscles; the catarrhal form, marked by coryza and tendency to congestion of the mucous tract, and the gastric type, the one most commonly seen in childhood, marked by symptoms of gastrointestinal disturbance. These three forms have been observed in the children of one household, under one roof. The invasion is typically sudden, often accompanied by vertigo and nausea and sometimes actual vomiting of bilious matter. There are pains in the limbs and a general aching all over, with nearly always pains in the eyeballs and frontal headache. Some cases present cold shiverings; others actual delirium, with intense bodily weakness. The cough is usually worse at night and toward early morning. There may be wheezing and blood stained expectoration. Pulmonary susceptibility is particularly apparent. There are often eruptions that are very puzzling. Grip in children may appear at first to be pneumonia, scarlet fever, meningitis or measles.

Isolate every case among children. Put them immediately to bed. Mild cases run their course in from three to seven days. The disease is more contagious than among adults. Always remember the peculiar susceptibility to lung trouble in the young who have grip. The temperature should be uniformly warm during the entire 24 hours. Have a board five inches high and as wide as the window placed under the lowest sash of the window farthest from the bed to insure free ventilation. From the outset the diet should consist of strong broths, meat essences, milk, etc., with bits of ice to relieve the thirst.

Alcohol is seldom necessary during the first stage of fever, but when it subsides the pulse is usually weak, and stimulants are required in full doses. Iced champagne is often grateful to the little patient. Grip is a disease of great enfeeblement. A teaspoonful of brandy may be required every hour or second hour for a child 3 years old in the stage of depression. Sleeplessness is best combated by a hot mustard footbath and Dover's powder. The feverish stage requires special treatment as circumstances arise.

Three conditions remain in children as grip passes off—want of appetite, irritability of the stomach and a lingering paroxysmal cough. Each requires special attention and care. A warm, dry climate is sometimes the only thing that will relieve the cough, an expensive yet imperative luxury. Immediately after the more painful manifestations of the disease have passed in every case extract of malt and pepsin, cordial in equal parts and a small amount of elixir of bark, iron and strychnine, in addition to a generous diet and tonic treatment, act well.

Remember that every case of grip, measles and whooping cough in children may so reduce the child as to make way readily for tuberculosis, though grip in itself is usually of small moment during childhood.—New York Journal.

Preserving Order In Manila.

A story concerning the American troops in Manila is told by an English naval officer, who was an eyewitness to the occurrence. "The city was quite crowded," he says, "with both American and Spanish soldiers, and they seemed to be on the friendliest terms. As I was crossing one of the numerous bridges across the Pasig river I saw a native Filipino spit in the face of a Spanish officer and then run to the American sentinel who was guarding the bridge, demanding his protection. It was some time before the Filipino could make himself understood, and the sentry took some time to grasp what had been done, but you can imagine my surprise when he handed his gun to the Spanish officer and caught the native by the nape of the neck and the seat of his trousers and pitched him off the bridge into the Pasig river. Then he calmly took his gun from the Spanish officer and began pacing the beat as if nothing had happened."—Pall Mall Gazette.

Microbes to Steal Away Pain.

A German dentist, Dr. Herz, proposes to put microbes into our mouths to steal away our pains. His discovery consists in an inoculant prepared from microbes he cultivates for the purpose. When applied in the case of a decayed tooth, it stops the pain, but does not destroy the nerve; further, it again fixes the tooth and makes it possible to put in a lasting stopping. He has already treated a number of cases with it, and they have proved most successful.—Chicago Tribune.

Origin of Man.

A German professor has traced the origin of man back to the shark. Perhaps the professor got his first clew from man's commercial transactions.—Indianapolis News.

UNIQUE GIFT FOR BOSTON.

Souvenirs of Robert Louis Stevenson Given by His Widow.

Robert Louis Stevenson's stepson and colaborer, Lloyd Osborn, is the medium through which the Boston Public library is soon to come into possession of a unique collection of Stevensonia. It is the gift of Mrs. Stevenson to the city which her husband had never visited, but in which he numbered many of his warmest friends, met all over the world, in the novelist's long quest for health.

The collection consists of the original blocks of the wood cuts with which Mr. Stevenson's merry but unskilled hand illustrated a set of chapbooks which he

MRS. ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON.

and Mr. Osborn put together while at a Swiss health resort. It was purely for the purpose of whiling away the long winter evenings that Mr. Stevenson and Lloyd Osborn, then only a lad, set up the toy printing shop, and their temporary home, in Davos Platz. In 1881 they printed the first of their little chapbooks, among them "Moral Emblems," "The Graver and the Pen," "The Blue Scalper," "Not I and Other Poems" and "The Black Canyon." The last was by Mr. Osborn. Some of the verses have amusing titles, such as "The Industrious Pirate," "The Pirate and Apothecary" and "Lord Nelson and the Tar."

A cable dispatch accepting the gift and the conditions was sent to Mr. Osborn recently.—New York Times.

OUR MINISTERS IN DEMAND.

The English People Are Eager to Hear Americans Preach.

Letters are coming from England to ministers not alone in New York, but all over the country, expressing a desire to know when the recipients expect to visit England, or to learn of any of their ministerial friends who expect to cross the ocean. The churches of England and Scotland, and to some extent those of Canada and the English speaking contingents in Rome, Paris and Berlin, have recently developed a wonderful desire to hear American preachers. The demand does not seem to be for Americans as permanent pastors, but rather as supplies for special occasions and for evangelistic services.

A "broker" in ministerial supplies has even set up in business in London with the express purpose of securing American clergymen to fill English and Scottish pulpits. This broker is now sending to clergymen on this side of the Atlantic letters asking about vacation plans for next summer. In a burst of confidence the information is given that a man need not have a national reputation in America in order to get into the best pulpits in England just now. Almost anything is in demand that bears the American label.

This feeling in a strong measure is supposed to have sprung from the unusual warmth of feeling shown by Great Britain during the recent war for the people of the United States. A prominent clergyman of New York said recently: "Who would have thought that our controversy with Spain would have made it possible for American ministers to take a tour abroad, to the Holy Land as well perhaps, and pay the entire way of themselves and families by supplying pulpits in England and on the continent? But it can be done. The Protestant clergyman who does not go abroad now, or at least next summer, does not deserve a second opportunity. The demand at the present time is enormous. I am besought in all directions, not always to come myself, but to give information of others who are to visit England."—New York Times.

Paid For Doing Good Work.

The Swedes have a custom which might profitably be copied by other nations. In the mines of that country the workmen have their tools sharpened by a special blacksmith, and he is paid not by the number of tools sharpened, but by the number of yards bored by the miners whose implements he has sharpened during the month. Thus when the smith is skillful and does his best he makes more money than he does when his work is not well done, and there is a decided gain all around.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Our Dead.

We have gathered and buried with honor
the men in blue who fell,
And their scattered resting places we
have guarded and cared for well,
And now there has dawned upon us an
epoch making day
When the head of the nation asks us to
as tenderly care for the gray.

And we who fought and slew them, we,
as one man, reply
To the noble, generous impulse with a
comrade's hearty aye.
Wherever through all the country a soldier's grave is found
Henceforth—the country says it—it shall
be sacred ground.

And every grave shall be tended and
strewn alike with flowers.
Henceforth our dead are your dead, henceforth your dead are ours;
Henceforth with them deep buried all
strife, all hatred lies,
And together we turn to the future undaunted, trustful eyes.

—Archibald Hopkins in Cincinnati Enquirer.

PICTET FREEZING CURE.

Famous Swiss Savant's Latest Remedy For Lung Diseases.

REMARKABLE CURES REPORTED.

Treatment Invented by This Chevalier of the Legion of Honor Is Given in a Fur Lined Well Surrounded by an Icy Liquid Gas—He Claims Much For It.

M. Raoul Pictet, a famous Swiss savant, chevalier of the Legion of Honor, discoverer of the liquefaction of oxygen and member of more than 40 scientific societies in France and Germany, has come to America to demonstrate to physicians and scientists here what he is convinced is a cure for diseases of the lungs, the stomach, the circulation and the kidneys.

"La frigotherapie," the name of his new discovery, may perhaps be roughly translated in English as the "freezing cure," although, as M. Pictet does not speak English, he was unable to give me an idiomatic English translation of the French term. The necessary machinery, he said, consists of a well of metal lined with thick furs, into which the patient descends, the depth being about five feet. This well is surrounded by an outer shell, while the cavity between the outer and inner walls is filled with a combination of sulphurous and carbonic acids, known to the scientific world as "liquide Pictet," after its discoverer. This gas is kept in a liquid state at 110 degrees below zero and is continually forced into the cavity by specially constructed pumps.

Curious and incomprehensible as the fact may seem, M. Pictet says the patient surrounded by the furs and the icy liquid has no impression of cold whatever, and, in fact, his temperature rises after three seconds' treatment, increasing from one-half to one degree in five minutes. A period of treatment ranging from 5 to 15 minutes is always sufficient for the time being, the number of needful repetitions varying in each individual case. M. Pictet says he himself, after 15 years of illness, was cured after eight descents into "the well." The Prince of Servia, he says, was absolutely cured by six descents after 20 years of continuous ill health.

M. Pictet told me the other evening, through the medium of an interpreter, that he had made his discovery of the beneficial effects of the "liquide Pictet" some six years ago and had waited for years in order to procure a thorough and scientific test of the new process by recognized physicians. In 1896 MM. Cordes and Chossat, two prominent scientific medical men of Geneva, took up the investigation of M. Pictet's well and for the last two years have devoted their entire time to this study. Their report was published about two months ago and is a remarkable document.

According to this report, 200 persons suffering from various afflictions of the lungs, stomach, nerves and kidneys were subjected to every possible physiological test in connection with the results of descents into the "Pictet well," while many others were examined less rigorously, and the astounding statement is made that in every single case the treatment was absolutely successful and the particular disease cured. A quarter of an hour after the descent one-half of the superfluous and disease breeding albumen, sugar or phosphates in the body have entirely disappeared, and the appetite of the patient has been materially increased.

M. Pictet assured me that he had not made known his discovery to the world before because he wished scientific and exhaustive research to prove the value of his discovery. He believes that in five or six years every town of 10,000 inhabitants will possess one of these wells, and estimates that it will take an outlay of $10,000,000 to install them throughout the United States, a complete apparatus, with the compressor and all the necessary machinery costing $60,000. While the cost of treatment was decided by the two doctors who conducted the tests in Geneva, one of whom, M. Pictet told me, had cured himself of chronic bronchitis by the "freezing cure," the poor of Geneva are receiving gratuitous treatment at the present time.

M. Pictet is sanguine as to the acceptance of his treatment by medical authorities in the United States, and believes that the "freezing cure" will be in general use in America in two or three years. The action of the well, M. Pictet says, is extremely rapid in all cases, and has been as successful in consumption as in other diseases, the effect being similar to the action of high mountain air on diseased lungs. M. Pictet has, however, adapted his "liquide Pictet" to other uses besides those of a medicinal and healing nature. By its aid, he says, he has been enabled to produce a highly refined and purified quality of acetylene gas, which, its inventor believes, will revolutionize the present methods of lighting, heating and motive power. Purifying the acetylene gas at a low temperature by the aid of the "liquide Pictet," a product is obtained that, its inventor asserts, will not explode, burns absolutely without smoke, and produces a light from 20 to 25 times more brilliant than that of ordinary illuminating gas. Scientific purity is attained at a temperature of 213 degrees below zero, while for the ordinary demands of commerce 110 degrees below zero is considered sufficient. A French company, organized to develop this purified acetylene gas, has been recently incorporated with a capital of $1,000,000. Fifty kilograms of "liquide Pictet" per hour are necessary for this refining process, the machine developing 80 horsepower and being valued at $200,000.—Cor. New York Herald.

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EASTERN DISTRICT—On and after Oct. 16, 1898, all trains will leave Lowell (Middlesex street depot) as follows:

For Taunton, New Bedford, Newport, Providence, Pawtucket, Marlboro, South Framingham and way stations, at 7.15, 11.25 a. m., 5.25 p. m. All trains connect at South Framingham with Boston and Albany R. R. for Worcester, Springfield, Albany and the west; also at Concord Junction with the Fitchburg R. R.

The 5.25 p. m. train connects with Stonington line for New York city, the south and west.

SUNDAYS—For South Framingham, Mansfield, Pawtucket, Providence and way stations, 7.15 a. m. Return at 5.83 p. m., connecting for Worcester and return.

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Corrected to Oct. 3, 1898. Trains leave Merrimack Street Depot, Lowell, as follows:
For Boston, 5.45, 6.35, $6.41, *7.15, *8.50, $9.15, *9.40, 11 a m; 1.40, $3.00, 4.35, $6.44 p m. SUNDAYS, 8.15 a m.
Trains leave Middlesex Street Station Lowell, as follows:
For Boston, 5.49, 6.39, $6.45, w6.50, 7.04, *7.30, *7.38, 7.53, *7.49, w8.16, *8.57, $9.19, w9.23, *9.60, w10.50 11.03, *11.42 a m; w12.05, 12.16, w12.45, 1.12, w2.30, w*3.08, 3.10, *3.47, w4.05, 4.28, w5.10, 5.22, $5.49, w*6.15, *6.22, 7.00, *7.49, w9.25 p m. SUNDAYS, 7.30, 7.38, w8.15, 8.48, 9.10, a m, w12.05, w4.05, 4.25, w5.50, 6.58, w7.25 p m.
For Lawrence, 6.23, w6.50 z7.33, w8.30, w9.25, 10.03, w10.50 a m; w12.05, w2.30, w3.10, w4.05, 4.18, w5.10, w6.15, w7.00, w9.25, w11.25 p m. SUNDAYS, w8.15 a m, w12.05, w5.30, w7.25 p m.
For Salem, Mass, w6.28, 7.33 a m; w12.05, 1.98, w5.10, 5.64 p m.
For Haverhill, 6.23, 6.50, z7.53, 8.50, 9.35, 10.50 a m; 12.05, 2.30, 3.10, 4.05, 5.10, 6.15, 7.00, 9.26, †11.25 p m. SUNDAYS, 8.15 a m; 12.05, 5.30, 7.25 p m.
For Newburyport, Amesbury and Portsmouth, 6.24 a m; 12.05, 2.30, 4.05, 6.15 p m.
For Exeter and Dover 6.23, 6.50, z7.53, 8.50 a m; 12.05, 3.10, 4.05, 5.10 p m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p m.
For Rochester and Alton Bay, 8.50 a m; 12.05, 4.05 p m.
For Somersworth, N H, Saco, Old Orchard, and Portland, 6.24, 8.50, z7.53, 8.50 a m; 12.05, 4.05 p m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p m.
For Augusta, Bath, Waterville, 6.50, 8.50 a m; 12.05, 5.10 p m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p m.
For Lewiston, 6.50, 8.50 a m; 12.05, 4.05, 5.10 p m.
For Bangor, Belfast Skowhegan and Rockland 8.50 a m; 5.10 p m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p m.
For St John's, N B, Halifax, N S, 5.10 p m (does not run Saturdays.) SUNDAYS, 5.30 p m.
For Eastport and St. John, (via steamer from Portland) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 12.05 p m.
For Castine, Deer Isle, Sedgewick, Bar Harbor, Jonesport and Machiasport, (via steamer Frank Jones from Portland), Tuesdays and Fridays at 5.10 p m.
For stations on Grand Trunk R. R., via Portland 8.50 a. m., 12.05, 5.10 p. m.

For Woburn, 6.23, 7.04, 7.33, *7.49, 11.03 a m; 1.48 4.28 p m. SUNDAYS, 8.15 a m; 4.25, 5.58 p m.
For Ayer Junction and Way Stations—7.10 a m; 12.00, 5.01 and 5.42 p m. SUNDAYS, 2.15 p m.
For Amherst, Milford and Wilton—9.12 a m; 1.00, 8.41, 5.40 p m. SUNDAYS, 2 p m.
For Greenfield, Peterboro, Bennington, Hillsboro and Keene—9.12 a m and 3.41 p m. SUNDAYS to Hillsboro, 2 p m.
For Nashua, Manchester and Concord—7.40, 9.12, *9.40 a. m.; *12.12, 1.00, *1.40, 3.41, *5.40, 6.27, *8.10, *8.40 p m. SUNDAYS, 10.09 a m (to Nashua only), 3.08 a m; 2.00, 6.03, 8.10, 6.40 p m.
For Franklin, Lebanon and White River Junction—7.12, *9.40 a m; *12.12, *1.40, (to Franklin only) 3.41, ‡*8.10 p m.
For Warner, Bradford, Sunapee, Newport, (N H) Claremont and Claremont Junction—7.40, 140 p m.
For St Johnsbury, and Lyndonville, via Wells River—*9.40 a m, *1.40, *‡8.40 p m.
For Montpelier, Essex Junction, Burlington, St Albans, St Johns and Montreal via the Central Vermont Line, *9.40 a m; *12.12, *‡8.10 p m.
For Montreal and Quebec, via Montreal and Boston Air Line—*9.40 a m; ‡*8.40 p m.
QUEBEC EXPRESS, via Plymouth and Sherbrook—9.40 a. m., ‡*8.40 p m.
References: *Express; ‡Daily. w Via Western Division. †Wednesdays and Saturdays only. § Via Bedford. z Via Wilmington Junction.
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THE WEATHER.

Sun rises—7:12; sets, 4:17.
Moon sets—5:17 a. m.
Full sea—9:1? a. m.; 10 p. m.

The storm central over Lake Huron has moved to the mouth of the St. Lawrence and has caused westerly gales in the lake regions and rain or snow in the lake regions and North Atlantic states. An area of high pressure is central in the middle plateau region and has spread in an easterly direction over the whole country, except a slight depression over the upper lake region and northern New England. The weather will grow colder generally in New England, and the cold weather will last till Sunday night. Generally fair weather may be expected.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

HOLIDAY GOODS, LOW PRICES.
We have our usual large assortment of dolls, toys, sleds, skates and fancy china ware. Dickson Bros., the big Tea dealers, 10 Merrimack St.

CATHOLIC PRAYER BOOKS.
A large assortment of nice prayer books, all prices. Pearl rosaries, crosses, statues, sanctuary lamps and other religious articles suitable for a Christmas present, at Murphy's, 18 Appleton street.

LOCAL NEWS.

Smokers enjoy Old Hundred Cigars.

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When down town tonight look in my window and see if you can't save money by buying your Christmas presents of me. Harris, 10 Appleton St.

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Basket ball game. Burkes vs. Pawtucketville A. C., followed by dancing at Associate hall, Monday evening, Dec. 26. Tickets 25 cents. Music Atwood's orchestra.

If you are in doubt what to do for your son or daughter for Christmas, why not give them a course of shorthand and typewriting at Miss Hard's school? Nothing will yield you better returns.

THE CARRIERS WINDOW.

The carriers window at the post office will be open Saturday evening from 7 to 8 o'clock and Sunday from 12 to 1 o'clock as usual. Give your name and street number and the call will be attended to.

PRESENTATION.

A beautiful Morris chair was presented to Mrs. H. W. Ladd of 66 Kirk street on Thursday evening by her boarders. About 25 of the boarders, met in the parlor and enjoyed a fine musical and literary program. Piano selections were given by Miss Ruth Sherburne and Miss Anna Cilley gave a number of readings.

Mrs. William H. Dike made an appropriate presentation speech and when she concluded Mrs. James W. Huntoon presented Mrs. Ladd with the gift above mentioned. The recipient responded in a few remarks.

TEWKSBURY.

GRIP HAS REACHED TOWN.

Mr. I. M. Locke, the courteous and obliging grocer of this town is threatened with an attack of the grip which is becoming quite prevalent hereabouts.

The funeral of Mr. Jeremiah C. Kittredge, formerly of Tewksbury took place on Friday from his late home in Brookline.

The families of Mr. Geo. D. Forlstall and H. M. Billings intend spending Christmas at Bellingham with Mr. Billings' father.

Mr. N. F. Frost while engaged in putting up a partition at the state almshouse at Tewksbury Thursday, fell and broke a small bone in his ankle.

BRISK BLAZE.

AT S. DOPKEEN'S SECOND-HAND SHOP LAST NIGHT.

Quite a lively fire occurred last night in the second-hand clothing store of S. Dopkeen in the Bascom estate on Merrimack street adjoining the Bijou theatre. It started in a lot of old clothing pulled too near the stove and it burned briskly destroying nearly all the stock. An alarm from box 7 was rung in and the fire department responded promptly, its quick work preventing a dangerous blaze as the row of buildings is of the tinder-box type. The smoke was intense. Mr. Dopkeen says he is insured for $600.

NORTH CHELMSFORD.

SANCTUARY LADIES SUCCESSFUL ENTERTAINMENT AND CHRISTMAS TREE.

At the new hall of the St. John's Total Abstinence Society in North Chelmsford last evening the Sanctuary Ladies of the St. John's church held a Christmas tree and entertainment. The hall was prettily decorated for the occasion with trees and evergreen. David McEnaney was the Santa Claus and he had a merry time with the young folks. The following entertainment was given: Opening chorus, Sunday school girls; reading, Miss Nellie Harrington; dialogue, "Three Missions," Misses Alice Leahey, Katie Curry and Annie Larkin; Song, Fred McEnaney; dialogue, "Military Discipline," Sunday school boys; song, James J. Barrett; reading, Miss Fannie Garvin; song, Henry McCoy. The entertainment concluded with a doll show by a number of little girls. The North Chelmsford band was present and during the evening they rendered some delightful music.

The public schools closed yesterday afternoon and will not reopen till Monday morning, January 2.

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At the Highland Congregational Church.

ON "MODERN TYPES OF GREATNESS.

Organ Prelude By Solon W. Stevens, Esq.

The following report was crowded out of yesterday's edition:

A very large and delighted audience comprising many of Lowell's leading citizens, was present Thursday evening in the Highland Congregational church, the occassion of the fourth in the series of weekly entertainments.

In the early evening Solon W. Stevens, Esq., gave a highly excellent organ prelude of a half hour's duration and was warmly applauded for his efforts. His last number was so pleasing that he was compelled to respond to a hearty encore.

"Modern Types of Greatness," was the subject of the distinguished lecturer, President William Jewett Tucker, D.D., of Dartmouth college. He was introduced by the pastor of the church Rev. Charles L. Merriam in brief but happily chosen words. Prof. Tucker in opening his lecture said it was better to hide the moral of a tale, though it was not good art to conceal the object.

"My object," said the speaker, "is to try to help in understanding better our own time, with its changes of society. A friend asked me the other day, 'Who is your great man?' The question suggested to me what I wish to express to you. In our contemporary great men, we see greatness in the process of making. We see others great in places where we are small. The great ones of other ages affect us comparatively little. We are more influenced by those in our own age, circumstanced alike with us.

"There are three 'constants' ingredients in greatness. First, originality, by which I mean not mere thinking apart from men, but thinking toward truth in advance of men. The original man is the one who is ahead of us all; not eccentric, but genuine.

"Second, authoritativeness, which puts originality into effect. Not always leadership in life, stubbornly refusing to surrender to the commonplace. Third beneficence in result, material and spiritual. Of course these three constants are not always in equal proportions. One always predominates in each case.

"In these days doubt challenges in the interest of truth. We are in a transition period. The only poet born of the age that is just passing in all its later phases is Matthew Arnold. The coming poet, born of our coming life, with its iron, smoke and turmoil, is Rudyard Kipling. Men are delving, like Pasteur, in the new realm between the animate and inanimate.

"Science is living in a state of expectancy and full of optimism. Literary men need not be the opposite, for beyond the certainties of science, the poet may sing the faith of mankind. There is every opportunity for the exercise of true, present, authoritative originality which is greatness. Our age will go down to history as the embodiment of this type, with its wealth of originality in promoting progress of science and moral evolution. Knowledge has no country—no class. There is nothing new under the sun is a proverb daily disproved. Our strong masterful age will go into history as the masterful one. Millionaires are not the men of narrow natures, with only a thought of saving money. Cyrus W. Field gave to the world the greatest project of modern times, the ocean cable. His was a characteristic that marks the generation. National unity is also a characteristic of the times. Originality was first shown in the action of the Italian empire. The compelling force of greatness was exemplified in Bismarck. The unification of Germany was the boldest example of unity in modern times.

But to Abraham Lincoln, in the late civil war, as the beneficence of the American people more than exemplified in the greatness of one man. At the time we did not know it. Now we know it all. Who knows what our power in the late war with Spain means? Other nations will recognize that power as our authority. Originality is the form of investigation. Authority is that form developed. Beneficence is an incentive to greatness. Without it we fail to have the spirit to work with sufficient intensity to produce greatness. Imagination may do what reality fails in. Progress is the persistent struggle of souls working in the interest of God. The beneficence motive may give us heights yet unattained. Socrates is not to be confounded with genius. Genius cannot interpret itself and lasts from age to age. Real authority and knowledge are as yet painfully lacking.

"I deprecate," said the speaker, in concluding, "the critical tendency of a large part of society. Let criticism be merciless in overthrowing vice and corruption. But let it not be misapplied as it is every day in carping at little things. Treat our great men as they deserve. We do not reward them with honor. Instead we give the shortest terms of office possible, and rotate men in them. Trust them and honor them. there must be moral evolution to go with the evolution going on in the material world. Only so shall we find the best results acruing from modern authoritative originality, which is the greatness of the present day."

At the conclusion of the lecture a number of former Dartmouth college students and prominent Lowell citizens shook hands with the distinguished president.

The last entertainment in this series will be held on Wednesday evening next when there will be a song recital by Prof. William Heinrich, tenor, assisted by Nina Fletcher, violinist.

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SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL.

Loyal Victoria Lodge, I. O. O. F. M. U., has elected the following officers: Noble grand, Mrs. Lucy Fernley; vice grand, Miss Margaret Ferguson; elective secretary, Miss Alice Duckworth; permanent secretary, Michael Emslie; treasurer, Mrs. Mary A. Pass; chaplain, Miss Ida Roper; warden, Miss Charlotte Butterfield; conductor, Miss Belle Paige; guard, Mrs. Nancy Neild; trustee, Mrs. Emma Lord; auditors, Miss Jessie Lynch and Mrs. Jennie Scoble; physician, Dr. Charles L. Sweetsir.

Court Gen. Shields, F. of A., at their regular semi-annual election elected the following officers: Chief ranger, Martin Flaherty; sub chief ranger, Thomas Roark; treasurer, John A. O'Hearn; financial secretary, James R. Sullivan; recording secretary, Francis J. Mullen; senior woodward, Felix McPartland; junior woodward, Patrick Carty; senior beedle, James Cox; junior beedle, James E. Lang; trustee for 3 years, John E. Mullen, and physician, Dr. A. G. Halpin.

Bay State colony, Pilgrim Fathers elected the following officers: Governor, James Taylor; lieutenant governor, Mrs. Ella Sawyer; secretary, Carrie I. Corbett; collector, Annie Crawford; treasurer, Dennis Dilworth; chaplain, Louise Williams, sergeant at arms, O. J. Johnson; deputy sergeant at arms, John Murringham; sentinels, Mary Bascom and John Crawford; trustees, C. Bagley, J. L. Jewett, Charles Carr; pianist, Carrie I. Corbett.

Montauk encampment, I. O. O. F., have elected officers as follows: Chief patriarch, F. E. Wyman; high priest, W. W. Wyman; senior warden, J. H. Breton; junior warden, H. V. Kittredge; trustee for three years, E. S. Bickford; scribe, John Thornber, and treasurer, Richard Gumb.

Passaconaway Tribe of Red Men nominated officers at its last meeting.

Veritas Lodge, I. O. O. F. worked the third degree on three candidates at its last meeting.

A fair and entertainment for the benefit of General Fiske lodge, I. O. G. T., was opened Thursday night in Highland hall, and continued last night. A lively business was done at the various tables, and the supper and entertainment reflected credit upon the respective committees. The programme was composed of orchestral selections, songs and readings. The following were the committees in charge of the affair:

Mystery table, Edith McDonald, Mrs. Locke and Grace Maxfield; peanut barrel, Paul Ladd; bean bottle, Adam Myrick; lemonade stand, Miss Nora McDonald, Miss Howell; ice cream, Messrs McDonald and Flanders; post office, Howard Harlow, Harry Maguire, Chas. Stanley and Joseph Coburn; entertainment, Mr. Gardner, Mrs. Myrrick, Mrs. Tryon; bean bag, D. H Harlow, Ernest Locke; flower table, Misses Lillie Wood and Grace Farrell; supper, Mrs. Myrrick, Mrs. Lucq, Mrs. Bryon, Mrs. Jones; paper, Messrs. Wood, Oatman, Myrrick and Burdick, and Mrs. Locke; tickets, Messrs. Burdick and Armistead; candy table, Mr. and Mrs. Oatman; popcorn stand, Harry McDonald and Frank Luce; check room, Belle Jones and T. Sanders.

About 150 couples made merry at the first grand ball of the Xaviers in Prescott hall Thursday night. Hibbard's orchestra provided music for the occasion and dancing was enjoyed from 8 o'clock until after midnight. During the intermission supper was served, the catering being in charge of George S. Holt.

The following was the committee in charge: General manager, Rod'k Chisholm; assistant, Harvey Beliean; floor director, Ernest E. Bailey; assistant, Finley Chisholm; chief aid, James J. Conroy; aids, F. H. Leoney, Edward Cahill, Thomas Tully, Fred Humphreys, H. J. Dow, W. J. Chisholm, Samuel Smith, John Kenney, William Taylor.

MATRIMONIAL.

SMITH-MARSHALL.

At South Bend, Ind., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Ullery, November 23, 1898, Elder Arthur N. Smith and Miss Lottie B. Marshall were married by Rev. Mr. Skinner, pastor of the M. E. church. The ceremoney was witnessed by a small company of friends. Rev. Mr. Smith's home is in Vermont while the bride's home is Lowell, Mass. Both are graduates of the Bible Training School of Mendota College. Elder Smith is now pastor of the mission on South Michigan street, South Bend. They will reside in South Bend, Ind.

DANE-SPRAGUE.

In the parlor of the American House Thursday evening, the Rev. Mr. Morang united Mr. Lewis Dane of Westford and Mrs. Hattie Sprague of Albine, Tex., in wedlock. Mr. Howard Sprague was best man and Miss Nina Dane was bridesmaid. The bride was handsomely gowned in cream brocade satin with Chiffin lace with diamonds and carried white pinks and brides roses. Mr. and Mrs. Dane will reside in Westford for the present. Immediate friends only were present.

HOWE-VOSE.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Parker, 192 Hildreth street, Wednesday evening their daughter, Clara M. Vose, was united in marriage to Walter T. Howes. Rev. S. T. Ford was the officiating clergyman. Bertha M. Merrill, cousin of the bride, was the bridesmaid and Mr. George Howes, brother of the groom, was the best man.

Disraeli said: "Man is not the creature of circumstances; circumstances are the creatures of men." Make your head clear and strong by using Dow's Menthol Cream.

CRISP GOSSIP.

Nashua has upwards of 200 cases of grip. Six of the leading physicians canvassed yesterday, had a total of 123 cases.

The little folks appear to be growing more sophisticated for fewer letters addressed to Santa Claus have been dropped in the mail boxes than ever before.

Each year at Christmas tide there are hundreds of Lowell's adopted citizens who remember the friends they left behind in foreign lands. Their presents are usually money, as it is more convenient to send cash in one form or another than it is to send any other token of friendship and regard.

Merry Christmas to everybody.

"I wonder," says the Nashua Telegraph, "if people ever think that newspapermen make their bread and butter by writing—not what they want—but what the owners of he newspapers upon which they are employed, think the public wants. These same people would never in the wide world think of asking a newspaper man to give them $5 or $10 or $15, as the case might be, but they have no hesitation in asking them to refrain from writing a 'story' for which they would be paid $5 or $10 or $15. Usually if the newspaperman grants the request he gets a cold dish of thanks, and is convinced that the person who has made the request is of the opinion that he is only doing his duty."

Candidates for the city offices are hustling.

The street crossings are in a very bad condition.

Store clerks are kept busy these days but the purchases are not worth more than 50 per cent of what they were in past years.

Next Tuesday there will be a total eclipse of the moon, which, if the night is fair, will be visible throughout New England. It will begin at 5 p. m., and will end at 8.36 p. m. The moon will be full at 6.39 p. m. This is the only one of the six eclipses of '98 that will be visible in New England. An eclipse, by the way is something that but what comparatively few people have seen. Probably this is due to the fact that a majority of them occur after midnight.

The grip is gaining its hold on Lowell people.

Expressmen are handling lots of goods at present.

The small boy is kicking because now in vacation time "there ain't no skating." Surely there has been a noticeable lack of skating this winter and it looks now as if it would be some time before there is any smooth ice. At the present time the ice is covered with a thin covering of snow.

Bad walking these days.

Travel in the country in very bad.

The streets were thronged last evening with Christmas shoppers.

The Boston Globe had Col. John C. Linehan slated for assistant U. S. treasurer at Boston. At least, it printed his picture as that of the man selected to succeed Assistant Treasurer Joseph H. O'Neil. The name of Hon. George A. Marden was under Colonel Linehan's portrait.

The rush at the postoffice lasted clear up to the closing hour last evening.

A large number of Lowell friends were present at the wedding in Lawrence on Wednesday of Engineer Samuel A. Bowie of the Pacific mills and Miss Lizzie Bean.

Don't let the little ones suffer from eczema or other torturing skin diseases. No need for it. Doan's Ointment cures. Can't harm the most delicate skin. At any drug store, 50 cents.

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LOWELL SHOULD IMITATE.

Superintendent Morton has put on extra cars for the accommodation of Christmas shoppers. Glen Forest cars are run half hourly to relieve traffic on the Lowell line. On the Andover line commencing Wednesday, two cars were run on 20-minute time, so great was the traffic. Commencing on Thursday extra cars wer run on the Methuen and North Andover lines.

The Lowell and Suburban street railway would do well to imitate the example set by the sister city down the river. On Thursday evening the accommodations were "fierce" to say the least, for those who were caught out in the storm.

Saturday, December 24, 1898.

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Merry Christmas

And to make it merrier still to those who have not yet bought all their presents we can show AT REDUCED PRICES:

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For Boys and Girls. Always amusing, and prices very low.

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In Lace, Mull, Linen and Lawn, plain white, fancy bordered, embroidered, lace trimmed or hand made, all kinds and qualities from 5c up.

Aprons.
2500 Ladies' White Aprons in plain white or fancy, Hamburg or lace trimmed, at from 25c up.

Skirts.
Ladies' Sateen Petticoats, lined throughout, at 98c, $1.39, $1.50, $1.75 and $2.00.
Italian Cloth Petticoats at from $2.00 up.
Moreen Skirts, Quilted Skirts and Silk Skirts at our usual low prices.

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Remember that our stock of Silk Mufflers for Ladies or Gentlemen is the largest in this city. Handsome goods, rich designs and at extremely low prices.

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500 Ladies' and Gents' Umbrellas in Silk, Gloria, Corela or Taffeta Covers, with Princess, Opera, Box Family, Natural Wood, Dresden, Pearl, Ivory, Gold, Silver, Horn Handles, at from 75c up to $5.

Linen.
100 Linen Table Sets, fringed, in plain white or fancy colored borders, at from $2 up to $19.

Cents' Ties.
1000 Gents' Ties made in the latest shapes, such as Ascots, Puffs, Bows, Tecks, Princess, Four-in-Hands and Operas, in light and dark colors, also fancy shades at 25c and 50c each.

Gloves.
Extra quality Ladies' Kid Gloves, in button, hook, clasp or lace, at from 50c a pair upwards to $3.

Be sure to examine our line of Atomizers, Rose Bowls, Pictures, Easels, Toilet Sets, Manicure Sets, Glove Boxess, Handkerchief Cases, Perfumery, Clocks, Vases, Plaques, Elastics, Jewelry, etc., etc.

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SIX O'CLOCK.

GENERAL EAGAN

Wants to Answer General Miles' Charge.

He Makes a Complete Denial of General Miles' Charges and Requests That He be Allowed to Testify Before War Commission.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Washington, Dec. 24—Gen. Eagan, commissionary of subsistence, gave out the following statement today in reference to his contemplated action of statements made by Gen. Miles concerning commissary supplies furnished the army:

Gen. Eagan has referred to Gen. Miles the published article purporting to be an interview with Gen. Miles in regard to the military supplies, asking whether the statements attributed to him (Gen. Miles) were made by him, or any of them, or which of them, or to what extent the statements, or any parts of the statements are true. Gen. Eagan does not purpose to discuss the very serious matter in the public press, but has asked, first, if Gen. Miles avows or disavows this interview, and has also asked the investigating commission for a true copy of the statements (that were not sworn to, however) made by Gen. Miles before it. Gen. Eagan has also asked the investigating commission to be called before it for the purpose of rebutting and refuting the statements alleged to have been made by Gen. Milesand published in the press, to answer these or any statements made by Gen. Miles under oath, and especially to meet the alleged charge of furnishing anything whatever under pretense of experiment.

Gen. Eagan is of the opinion that the proper place to discuss the merits of this matter is before the investigating commission and before the courts, civil and military, where the widest latitude under oath will be given to all concerned; where the conduct of Gen. Miles and published in the press, toan-Eagan under oath will have the fullest, most exhaustive examination and analysis concerning any or all charges that may be brought by either, to the end that justice shall be done. In view of this already inaugurated ation Gen. Eagan deems it unmilitary and unproper to make charges against anybody whatever in the service, but thinks the law, military and civil, is ample to be invoked in the cause of truth and justice.

Gen. Eagan contents himself with a complete denial of the stacements alleged to have been made by Gen. Miles.

GAS EXPLODED

And Two Men Were Fatally Injured.

SEVERAL OTHERS SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Cause of the Explosion Not Known.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Shamokin, Pa., Dec. 24.—A terrible explosion of gas occurred to-day in the East Gangway on the First Slope of the Luke Fidler Shaft, by which two persons were fatally injured, seeral others seriously, and it is feared that some were overcome in the shaft by black damp. The fatally injured are:

John Gorsill, married, burned about body and internally injured.

Michael Curtoski, married, face and body frightfully burned.

The seriously injured are: John Graeff, burned about face and body.

Michael and John Spiitt, badly burned about the face and hands.

Frank Shook, badly bruised and burned about the face.

Immediately after the explosion, Supt. Kohlbraker and foreman Herr headed a rescuing party and are now making an attempt to explore various mine chambers in search of a few men supposed to have ben overcome by black damp.

It has not yet been determined what caused the explosion.

SOLDIERS RETURN.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Denver, Col., Dev. 24.—Companies H, K and M, First New York volunteers, the last detachment of that regiment, homeward bound, from the Hawaiian Islands, arrived here in two special trains over the Denver & Rio Grande railroad at 5.25 and 5.35 a. m., today and left for the east in one train via the Burlington route at 6.47 a .m. They should reach Chicago about noon tomorrow.

BILL DISMISSED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Philadelphia, Dec. 24.—Judges Sulzberger and Pennypacker today dismissed the bill in equity brought to restrain the issue of the new loan of $11,090,000, to be devoted to city improvements, including nearly $5,000,000 for a better water supply and $1,000,000 for the public library. This decision establishes the legality of the loan and it will be negotiated at once.

HORRIBLE DEATH.

JOHN HEDFORS KILLED BY EXPLOSION OF BLASTING POWDER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 24.—John Hedfors, foreman for John F. Rydberg, quarryman on Millstone Hill, this city, met a horrible death this morning as a result of the explosion of many pounds of blasting powder in two drill holes. The battery connection failed to work and Hedfors was trying to drill out the holes to make a new one, when the explosion occurred. He was blown many feet in the air and his body came down headless. The head and neck were completely blown into very small bits.

FIRST SUIT.

ENTERED AGAINST THE PORTLAND STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Portland, Me., Dec. 24.—A civil suit for $5000 was brought today against the Portland Steamship company as an outgrowth of the disaster to the steamer Portland. The writ was served on General Manager Liscomb at the company's offices this morning by Deputy Sheriff Dresser. The suit is brought by Nathaniel Cohen, father and administrator of the estate of Solomon Cohen who was lost on board and whose body was one of the first recovered. Solomon L. Bates is Cohen's attorney and Charles F. Libby is attorney for the company. This is the first suit to be brought on account of the loss of life by this disaster and its trial and result will be watched with much interest. The writ is returnable at the February term of the Cumberland county superior court.

Fitzgerald's socials, Saturdays, French's hall, Central street, at 3 and 8 o'clock, Manhattan Orchestra.

MONEY DEPOSITED

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NARROW ESCAPE

Two Men Came Very Near Being Drowned

BY A VERY PECULIAR ACCIDENT.

Their Companion Lost His Life.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Boston, Dec. 24—Coleman O'Donnell, employed on a pile driver, was drowned and two other workmen had a narrow escape from the same fate in the harbor here today, by a peculiar accident.

The men were at work on the air tank which floats the drop of the North Ferry, when a ferry boat entered an adjoining slip.

The suction developed by the entrance of the boat caused the air tank to sink, throwing the men into the water. The foreman in charge of the work and several other persons gave prompt assistance and succeeded in rescuing two of the three men, but O'Donnell, who could not swim, sank before they reached him.

THE SAVOY.

OPENED AS A NEW CASINO THEATRE WITH SPLENDID SHOW.

The Savoy is opened as a new Casino theatre and is giving a splendid show, one that is worthy of Keith's of Boston. In fact the most of the artists are from Keith's and their performance is splendid. Lowell's favorite, Miss Rogers, appears in songs and comic personations, in which she excels. Madge & Morton, direct from New York, perform a musical act that is worth the entire price of performance. It is the finest vaudeville show presented in this city for years and the prices range from 15 to 50 cents. Matinees daily. Eevening performances opens at 8 p. m.

TYLER LYNCHED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Scottsburg, Ind., Dec. 24—A lynching took place here early today and the proceedure was so quiet that few of the residents knew of the occurrence until this morning.

Marion Tyler was the victim Tyler had been in jail for several weeks the result of an attempt on his part to kill his wife.

Shortly after midnight the mob was formed. All wore masks. They hurried to the sheriff's residence in the jail, called him by name, and covering him and his sons with guns, the leader demanded, "turn over the keys to the jail."

The demand was promptly refused, but the mob became so threatening and determined that the sheriff and his family were frightened into telling where the keys could be found. The mob took them, went to the jail where they secured their prisoner and hanged him.

On November 3 last Tyler shot and seriously wounded his wife and then made an ineffectual attempt at suicide.

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$1.33 for Ladies' Satin Juliet, fur trimmed, old gold, black and red.

Child's and Misses' Arctic, 50c. and 62c. worth $1.00.

Men's Slippers.

45c. for Men's Imitation Alligator Slippers, black and russet.

75c., worth $1, for Men's Opera Slippers, black and russet.

99c. for Men's Harvard tie, black and russet.

$1.49 for Men's Russia Calf Slippers.

Umbrellas,

Dress Suit Cases and Satchels.

95c. for Dresden Handles and Silver trimmed Umbrellas, Gloria Silk.

$2.00 for Union Silk Umbrellas, silver trimmed.

Men's Gloves.

45c. and 75c. for excellent quality, Dog Skin Gloves, in reds, tans and browns.

$1.00 and $1.35 for silk lined, undressed Kid Gloves (Mocha.)

$1.35 and $2.00 for extra fine Kid Gloves, pearl shade.

35c. for T black, horse hide, fleece lined gloves.

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49 TO 59 CENTRAL STREET.

G. O. Taylor Whiskies, benefit the debilitated.

BADLY MANGLED

Boy Run Over by Locomotive This Noon.

CHARLES HOWARD WAS THE VICTIM.

The Accident at Old Colony Yard.

A frightful accident happened shortly before noon to-day near the Old Colony round house when Charles Howard, the eleven-year-old son of Police Officer Howard was run over by a shifting engine.

Young Howard who resides at 79 Andrew street was carrying dinners to employees of the boiler shops, in Ayer City, a short distance from the scene of the accident.

The shifter came upon the unfortunate boy suddenly when he fell beneath the wheels and was badly mangled about the lower extremities. He was taken in an ambulance to St. John's hospital where it is thought that both limbs will have to be amputated.

Later is was reported from the hospital that the right leg was amputated.

EDITOR WARDNER

Will Test Constitutionality of the Law.

BY WHICH HE WAS COMMITTED.

Applies for Writ of Habeas Corpus.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Dedham, Mass., Dec. 24—A writ of habeas corpus has been applied for by the counsel of Torrey E. Wardner, editor of the Boston Traveler, who, yesterday was sentenced to serve 3 days in jail for contempt of court by Judge Sherman.

The writ is returnable before the supreme court of Massachusetts in Boston next Tuesday, Dec. 27, at which time the arguments will be heard.

It is Mr. Wardner's avowed intention to test the constitutionality of the law under which he was sent to jail at the will of a judge without trial by jury.

FUNERALS.

KITTREDGE.—A large number of prominent literary and professional men attended the funeral of Jeremiah C. Kittredge, author and playwright, at noon yesterday, at his late residence on Gardner road, Brookline. The services were conducted by the Rev. John Cuckson, D. D., of the Arlington Street Church of Boston. He was assisted by the Rev. William H. Lyon of the First Parish (Unitarian) church of Brookline, and the Rev. Reuben Thomas, D. D., of the Harvard Congregational church of Brookline. The interment was in the family lot in Mount Auburn cemetery, and was private.

CAHILL.—The funeral of Elizabeth Cahill took place this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from her home, 5 Molloy's court, off Summer street and proceeded to St. Peter's church where services were held, Rev. Fr. Saunders officiating. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery.

BARRETT.—The funeral of Edwin Sheppard Barrett, well known in Lowell, was held from his late home in Concord yesterday afternoon. It was attended by many prominent citizens of the town and delegations from the Sons of the American Revolution, of which he was president; Loyal Legion, Sons of Colonial Wars, and the Social Circle.

FARLEY.—The funeral of the late Mary T. Farley took place this forenoon from the Immaculate Conception church and was largely attended. A requiem mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Mulligan of East Boston; Rev. John Lee of Munson, deacon and Rev. Philip Lee, of Worcester, sub-deacon. The choir under the direction of Mr. P. F. Haggerty rendered Schmidt's requiem.

There was a large profusion of costly floral tributes, including a massive broken wreath and sickle resting on a lovely base from Lawyer John P. Farley and wife; spray of narcissus, Miss Marietta Lee; large ivy harp set off with roses and Roman hyacinths, Mr. P. Kelley; spray of pinks, Miss Frances Maxwell; spray of pinks, Kittie and Annie Parley.

The interment was in the Catholic cemetery under the direction of Undertaker O'Donnell, the funeral arrangements being in charge of Lawyer John P. Farley. The pall bearers were Lawyers C. H. Cosgrove and Chas. Gallagher, Andrew Gray, Thomas McCaffery, Philip Grant, Geo. Cassidy. Rev. Wm. Joyce, O.M.I., pastor of the Immaculate Conception church, conducted the final services at the grave.

DEATHS.

DONOHUE.—Frederick Donohue, aged eleven months, son of Michael and Julia Donohoe died this morning at 567 Worthen street. Funeral tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

RILEY.—Mary Ellen, infant daughter of Edward and Annie Riley, died this morning at her parent's home, 341 Lakeview avenue.

JONES.—James, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. James Jones, died today at 10 Maple street, the home of his parents.

PEACE COMMISSION

Arrived in New York This Morning.

They Will Say Nothing About the Treaty—Significant Remark of Senator Gray the Only Democrat on the Commission.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

New ork, Dec. 24—There was a patriotic crowd to greet the peace commissioners who arrived on the steamer St. Louis today.

The commissioners, who were accompanied by their wives, were William R. Day of Ohio, former secretary of state; Senator Cushman K. Davis, Minnesota; Senator W. P. Frye of Me.; Senator George Gray of Delaware; and Mr. Whitelaw Reid of New York.

Mr. Reid said he and his fellow commissioners were very glad to get back, but they could not discuss the treaty.

"We are going to Washington this afternoon by the first train we can get" he said, "and shall report immediately to the president. It was understood among us that we should say nothing about our official business when we arrived. When the treaty was signed it became an official document, and it must be left for the public of the United States and the president to decide what shall be done with it."

Mr. Reid would not discuss the published translation of what purported to be the text of the treaty, nor would he say anything about Montero Rios' recent criticism of the commission.

"As a newspaper man, I should like to talk," he said "but as a public official, I cannot."

Senator Gray is the only democrat on the commission. When the commission left here for Paris, Senator Gray made this admission of his views:

"I am a democrat." When he was reminded of this today the senator said: "I am not changed"

The reporter told the senator of Col. Bryan's recently declared attitude on the question of expansion.

"Gin," said the senator, "I am not onto Col. Bryan's curves yet."

The senator admitted that he had an opinion concerning expansion, and he volunteered the following statement:

"I have no doubt that there is a sober, thoughtful opinion in this country against expansion—there must be. The treaty merely gives us control of the situation; we can do as we please. We can keep the Philippines or not, as may be determined in the future.

Senator Frye said that at the opening of the session in Paris, "the Spaniards first wanted us to get out of Luzon. That we refused to do. Then came a hard fight of days and days, our opponents finally yielded to our claims and signed the treaty which I have no doubt will be ratified by congress."

GENERAL OTIS IN CHARGE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The administration has determined to confide to the judgement and tact of General Otis, in command of the United States forces in the Philippines, the question whether our troops shall be despatched to Iloilo, where recent Spanish reports have stated that a sanguinary conflict is in progress between the insurgents and the remaining spanish troops.

WILL MAKE CONTRACT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Ambassador Hitchcock, at St. Petersburg, cabled the Secretary of State today that he has been officially notified that a contract for 80,000 tons rails for the eastern Chinese railroad has been awarded to the Pennsylvania and Maryland Company.

BURN WILSON'S COAL.

SUGAR CONTEST

Chicago the Scene of a Great Fight.

BETWEEN THE DIFFERENT REPRESENTATIVES

Of the Industry in This Country.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Chicago has become the chief battleground in the contest betwen the Havemeyers, or American Sugar Refineries Company, and the Arbuckles and the Doerschers, its powerful rivals. Yesterday the price of "outside" sugar was cut one-eighth of a cent below trust prices, reaching almost the lowest quotation on record. The cut was accompanied by developments that showed the existence of a little trust among the wholesale grocers to support the Havemeyers, and also that a new Richmond was in the field in the shape of a beet sugar supply. The American company was not ready to meet its rival's prices, but is expected to do so to-day.

The circumstances leading up to the cut are these:

Arbucle Brothers and the Doerschers own sugar refineries on the Atlantic seaboard that have a daily capacity of 5,000 and 3,500 barrels respectively. Both plants were started less than 6 months ago and both invaded Chicago with their goods early in the fall.

The American company was ready for them. In September, seeing that rival goods were to be offered, its representatives visited the jobbing trade and suggested that a contract be signed by which any amount of sugar, up to a stated quantity, might be purchased by the jobber, at a given price and that a low one. This was to cut the ground from under the rivals, but it was made only to its factors.

The latter are all the wholesale grocers except two or three, whose arrangement with the American Sugar Company provides for a rebate of from one-eighth to one-sixteenth from the list price, to be made periodically.

LIVELY RUNAWAY.

AN ELECTRIC CAR BRINGS HORSE TO A STANDSTILL.

A lively runaway took place about 3 o'clock this afternoon but was stopped rather abruptly on Prescott street by an electric car. A bay horse attached to a canopy top buggy became frightened on Bridge street and ran at a rapid pace across Merrimack square to Prescott street.

A street sweeper near Carter & Sherburne's drug store had a narrow escape just barely jumping out of harm's way as the horse sped on its mad daring course. The animal was brought to a standstill near Gookin Bros.' establishment by an electric car and a wagon impeding its progress and was held for its owner by Patrick Murphy of Centralville. That there were no accidents resulting from the runaway, was remarkable.

MONSTER BLAZE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Burlington, Vt., Dec. 24.—Twelve acres, containing 11,000,000 feet of lumber, a planing mill, eight sheds and a large quantity of machinery, the property of the Shepard and Morse Lumber Company, of Boston, and this city, were swept by fire this forenoon, causing a loss estimated at a quarter of a million dollars.

The fire is one of the most severe blows that has been dustained by the industries of Burlington in many years, and it is believed the plant will not be re-established.

ROSE'S CIGARS

The letter carriers at the post office this afternoon received two boxes of the best cigars from Alfred E. Rose and gave three cheers for the popular manager of the Ayer company.

OFFICE TO LET—In The Sun building. Inquire at Sun office.

After a Rousing

Holiday Trade

Now for a Grand Clean Up Of Holiday COods. Today! Today! Bargains! Bargains!

MORRIS CHAIRS, FANCY ROCKERS, DESKS, BOOK CASES, RUGS, PICTURES, EASELS, Etc.

At The People's Furniture Store,

A. E. O'HEIR & CO.'S. 16 Merrimack St.

Putnam & Son

Umbrellas FOR WOMEN FOR MEN

Low Priced Umbrellas and up to finest qualities. There's nothing better for a holiday gift than a good Umbrella.

Women's serge umbrellas, close roll. Dresden and silver mounted handles, 98 cents.

Women's taffeta silk umbrellas, silk cases, close roll. Dresden, natural wood and silver mounted handles, $1.75, $2.25, $2.50, $3 and $4.

Men's serge, gloria and silk umbrellas, all close roll. natural wood, ivory, buckhorn and silver mounted handles. 48c, 74c, 98c and up to $5.

Men's bath wraps, $3.50, $4, $6 and $9.

Suit Cases of patent fibre and solid sole leather, with brass fasteners, or straps, $1.75 to $4.50.

Scarf Pins Newest Paris novelties, latest designs, the proper thing to be worn with puff scarfs.

PUTNAM & SON

166 Central Street.

THE SUN LATEST! 5 O'CLOCK

A MERRY BANQUET

Tendered City Government by Col. C. A. R. Dimon.

SPEECHMAKING GALORE WITHOUT POLITICS.

City Fathers Speak on City Government.

It was a merry time that jolly Col. Dimon provided for his guests at the American House, last evening when in his cordial invitation about 50 members of the present city government, the heads of departments and the city hall reporters assembled at the hotel to exchange with him the greetings of the Christmastide and partake of the Colonel's good cheer.

The invitations stated that there would be no politics allowed and all things considered there was hardly any. A little good natured "knocking" enlivened matters a bit but on the whole the affair was one of the most enjoyable gatherings of the year. As the guests arrived they were welcomed individually by the host and escorted to the hotel parlors where Councilman Libby presided at the piano. Shortly after eight o'clock the line was formed for supper, Mayor Bennett leading escorted by Col. Dimon. Mayor-elect Crowley and Alderman Peirce were unable to attend and sent regrets.

When the excellent menu rendered by Mine Host Leary had been most completely discussed during which Dr. Downs entertained with a few impromptu sketches and Mr. Steinberg with a new shell game, approved by the Shut Club, Col. Dimon called to order and welcomed the guests in brief and happy remarks. The object of the supper was simply to exchange good Christmas cheer, and he assured the members of the City Government that they have reason to be proud of their record during the year; there have been no scandals in connection with their part of the government and every man gave his best efforts to the city. The time will come when the people will ask their candidates to run for office. In conclusion the Colonel wished all to refrain from huffy and personalities and he wished all his colleagues a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. He was received with great applause.

Colonel Dimon then introduced as toastmaster Mayor J. W. Bennett who received three cheers. His Honor started out with the promise to help re-enact the section of the chapter of the law which gave the mayor power to appoint heads of departments, as a man who loves the city that he lives in believing that it is for the city's best interest. Everything is not politics. In trouble we are all one.

For the first toast the "City Government," Councilman G. R. Taylor was called upon and he received an ovation. He said that what is needed in city governments to-day is results and how to get these results is the great problem of the country. Every member of the Common Council worked hard for the city's best interests but accomplished little as our system of municipal government is sadly in need of reform. He deeply sympathized with the Superintendent of Streets, whose job he thought a wearisome one with the demands of work made upon him by councilmen, aldermen and their friends. He believed in a longer term of office of the Superintendent of Streets. He believed that the public should attend the meetings of the government more than they do.

Alderman Libby was introduced as the "silent alderman from the sand lots of old ward four." He reviewed the growth of old ward four and spoke of his colleagues expressed the belief that they acted for the entire city and not in such a bitterly partisan manner as outsiders would have us believe.

Alderman Goward then was introduced as a wonder on looking after the financial interest of the city. A little man, but a warm one. Alderman Goward said that the finances of the city were an unfathomable oasis of figures and a dilemma. The Committee on Appropriations, he said, is the most important of the city government and in it partisanship disappears before the stern necessity of doing business within the loyal limit. He believed that the membership of the Committee on Accounts should be included in the Committee on Appropriations. It is the citizens and not the members of the government who are extravagant. The members of the city council feel that they must act as their constituents want them. The responsibility lies with the citizen. He believed in giving the Mayor power of appointment and holding him responsible for the expenditure of every cent.

"Rev." Joseph Smith of the Police Department was next called on and he said that the Board of Police have tried to do their duty and they did it well. Of course, when 120 men want 84 licenses there are some who go out and pass opinions on the board. At the end of the year the board gets what the Mayor got, a bouquet with a brick in it and I see by the papers that the board have got the first instalment of theirs. It has been said that the board will have nothing to do, but next year thirst will be a crime and the board will see to it that the public is kept thirsty. They will give you a great desert of Sahara without a single oasis. So consult a specialist and stop talking salt food. We will stop these alcoholidays.

Supt. of Schools Whitcomb expressed his gratitude for the privilege of attending such a social gathering as it got the officeholders better acquainted with each other. He then spoke on the importance of the educational department of the government. We do not have to go out of our own state for instructions as to how to run our educational system for we stand at the head in the country in educational affairs and our country leads the world. The members of the City government he said do not get sufficient credit for the good they do for the city. The school board, he said, puts in grand good work without thanks or credit.

Alderman Rivet who knew there was going to be a frost and didn't run was the next speaker. The Alderman said he had been in hiding all day as a result of that meeting of the salary committee. He thought politics were the curse of Lowell and wished there would be none in next year's government. The aldermen this year were all good men and the councilmen excellent beyond everything.

Councilman Markham the advocate of Winter street, spoke briefly on the work of the council.

Lawrence Cummings, "the Nestor of the press," said that there have been few dishonest men in the city government in the past 17 years. He knew that many of them make mistakes but they are honest mistakes. He believed that the mayor should have the power of appointment without any confirmation for there is one man whom we can get at when any unworthy appointment is made. He spoke on the extravagance of the citizens themselves and said that good men are driven out of office by the importunities of taxpayers.

Col. Pinder who "like the poor will be always with us" as per introduction, said that the pauper department has a family of 460. These are only the inside poor. The outside poor are not so fortunate though that department is being run by a man who is conducting his affairs as economically as any man living could do it. The outside poor department haven't the resources that the inside department has. If the citizens would come to the city farm and see how the money is spent they would not talk so much.

Alderman Cosgrove, "the good looks of the board of aldermen." He hoped that his presence wouldn't give rise to the report that a monstrous deal is on to elect all the republican candidates to which a newspaper always friendly to him, might give a scare head. He knocked the newspapers and advised young men to get their politics in newspaper offices.

Col. Dimon then spoke briefly on the advisability of such reunions as this as it tended to bring members of the government closer together, removed the dangerous feature of partisanship and solidify the unity of action among the council and heads of departments.

President Weaver of the water board "an authority on microbes," said that under the present system there are no microbes. The water board has no politics in it and all work together for the best interests of the city.

Supt. of Streets Cheney spoke on the expenses of the street department which made it impossible to live within the appropriation. The last snow storm finished up the appropriation.

Councilman C. F. Libby and other members of the city government and heads of departments also spoke and the pleasant affair broke up at a late hour with a general exchange of Christmas greetings, with particularly good wishes for the host of the evening Col. C. A. R. Dimon.

Among those present were:

Col. C. A. R. Dimon, Mayor Bennett, Aldermen Goward, Rivet, Cosgrove, and Libby; Councilman Taylor, Alderman Rivet, Councilmen Whittet, Dana, Lays, Rosen, C. Frank Going, A. K. Whitcomb, George Bowers, C. J. Cheney, Councilmen Markham, Fagan, Howe, Smith, Roarke, Merrill, Wilder, Libby, Markland, and Paige, W. H. Welser, Councilmen McCluskey, Leighton, Dr. T. B. Smith, Joseph Smith, Lawrence Cummings, J. W. W. Tilton, Peter J. Brady, Matt. Dowling, V. G. Barnard, Herbert Potter, W. P. McCarthy, Major Allen, Col. A. Pinder, Dr. Downs, David Chase, Girard P. Dadman, Robert Thomas, Frank L. Weaver, Willis P. Burbank, Edward Burns, Robert E. Crowley, Dennis A. Sullivan, John E. Drury, Chief Hosmer, D. N. Pickering, Lewis E. McBrayne, J. H. Sternberg, James Hearn.

COL. DIMON, Who Banqueted the Present City Government.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL.

Loyal Victoria Lodge, I.O.O.L.M.U., has elected the following officers: Noble grand, Mrs. Lucy Fernley; vice grand, Miss Margaret Ferguson; elective secretary, Miss Alice Duckworth; permanent secretary, Machel Emslie; treasurer, Mrs. Mary A. Pass; chaplain, Miss Ida Roper; warden, Miss Charlotte Butterfield; conductor, Miss Belle Paige; guard, Miss Nancy Neild; trustee, Mrs. Emma Lord; auditors, Miss Jessie Lynch and Miss Jennie Cable; physician, Dr. Charles L. Sweetsir.

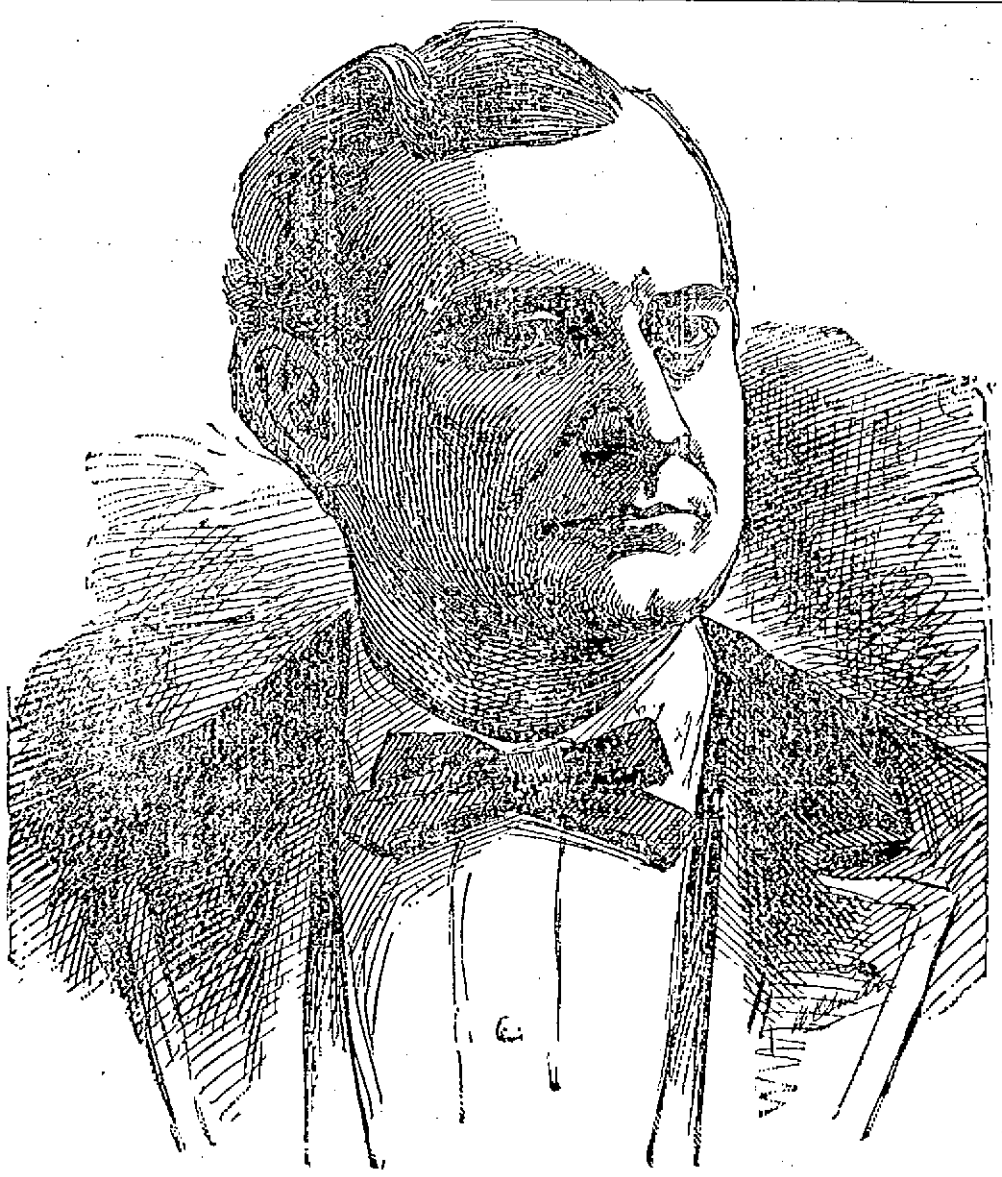
Court Gen. Shields, F. of A., at their regular semi-annual election elected the following officers: Chief ranger, Martin Flaherty; sub chief ranger, Thomas Roark; treasurer, John A. O'Hearn; financial secretary, James R. Sullivan; recording secretary, Francis J. Mullen; senior woodward, Felix McPartland; junior woodward, Patrick Carty; senior beadle, James Cox; junior beadle, James E. Lang; trustee for three years John E. Mullen and physician, Dr. A. J. Halpin.

Bay State colony, Pilgrim Fathers, have elected the following officers: Governor, James Taylor; lieutenant governor, Mrs. Ella Sawyer; secretary, Carrie I. Corbett; collector, Annie Crawford; treasurer, Dennis Dilworth; chaplain, Louise Williams; sergeant at arms, O. G. Johnson; deputy sergeant at arms, John Murringham; sentinels, Mary Bascom and John Crawford; trustees, Charles Bugley, J. L. Jewett, Charles Carr; pianist, Carrie L. Cor-

WELL KNOWN ORGANIST.

Prof. Reynolds, the well known musical instructor of New Haven, Conn., and a cousin of Rev. John P. Reynolds, O.M.I., of the Sacred Heart church, is to preside at the organ at the services of the latter church on Christmas day.

G. O. Taylor Whiskies, physicians advocate them.



COL. BRYAN, Banqueted Last Night By the Women of Lincoln, but no Kissing. He Told of The Evils Confronting This Country and Says the Future of America is More Important Than That of Cuba or the Philippines.

MR. and MRS. HENRY LEWIS of Pelham, Who Observe their Golden Wedding Today.

A CLEVER CAPTURE

Pickpocket Arrested by Officer Crowley

HE STOLE A POCKETBOOK FROM A WOMAN.

Alleged Burglar Taken in by the Police.

The pickpockets who generally reap a harvest during the Christmas season started in here yesterday and one of them was arrested early in the game by Officers John B. Crowley and Mat. McCann.

In Pollard's, on Thursday, a pickpocket tried to get a pocketbook from a woman but was frustrated though he made his escape.

Yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock Mrs. Joseph Perreault of 550 Moody street while looking over articles in Knox & Charlton's store on Merrimack street felt some one tugging at her pocketbook. She attempted to catch the thief but he got away and ran down Central street. Officer Mat McCann who was off duty happened around just at this time and upon learning of the robbery obtained a description of the robber and acquainted Officer J. B. Crowley of the fact. The latter had such a man in mind and while they were discussing him the very man came along.

When he saw the officers looking at him closely he broke into a run rushing into the Lowell Inn. The officers ran after him, Officer Crowley going in the front door and the fleet-footed McCann going around to the rear entrance to head him off. Officer Crowley caught his man in the barroom and sent him to the police station.

He gave the name of William Sweeney, aged 17 years, though he appears much older. At first he denied his guilt but later admitted it. The pocketbook contained eight dollars.

WANTED FOR BURGLARY.

Richard Smith, aged 27 years, was arrested for drunkenness Thursday night by Officer Molony and when he appeared in court Friday morning the inspectors identified him as the man for whom they had been looking for a long time on the charge of breaking and entering. He will appear in court today to answer to several charges of larceny and breaking and entering.

A number of suits of clothes and articles of jewelry that Smith is alleged to have stolen have been recovered and it is claimed that he has committed nearly a dozen different breaks all over the city.

DEATHS.

SANBORN—In the early hours of Sunday morning Mr. George E. Sanborn passed away from this earth to eternal rest. He had been ill about four weeks and the members of the family were around the bedside when he breathed his last. Mr. Sanborn was born in Lowell, Mass., in 1839 and was 59 years and 7 months old. About 30 years ago he came Cohoes and after living in this city for about 5 years he removed to Saratoga, where he made his home for some time. Then he returned to Cohoes in 1881 and resided there until his death. Mr. Sanborn was a respected citizen of Cohoes and many regret sincerely to hear of his death. He was a painter in the employ of James H. Swatling and was one of the most skilful mixers of paints in this section. He attended the Baptist church in Cohoes and was a communicant of the Baptist church at Saratoga. He was a member of Eggerts Lodge, K. of P. He is survived by his wife and three sons, William of Schnectady, Edward and James of Cohoes. The funeral will be held from his late residence, 53 Oneidor street, at 2 oclock tomorrow afternoon. Interment will be in Oakland cemetery.—Cohoes. The funeral will be held from

O'NEIL—John J. O'Neil, aged 37 years and six months, died at his home 22 Whipple street today. He is survived by a mother, two sisters and five brothers. The funeral will take place Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

CLEARY—John B. Cleary, aged 35 years, died this morning at 139 Colburn street. Funeral tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, from Undertaker O'Donnell's warerooms.

Mr. Walter T. Chase, clerk in the office of the Lowell & Suburban street railway company was yesterday presented with a costly pearl handled pen from President E. M. Tucke as a Christmas gift.

NO DUST.

A Joy to Housekeepers.

Patent Ash Sifter.

The ash pan is put in at the top, turned over, and the worthless ashes are turned out at the bottom by a little shaking. No dust of ashes can escape in the operation. For Sale by

H. C. CIRARD,

NO. 442 MERRIMACK STREET.

OLD MACHINERY

From the Wreck of Cervera's Fleet.

AT THE WASHINGTON NAVY YARD.

Some of It Will Be Auctioned.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Washington, Dec. 23.—There is now at the Washington Navy Yard a quantity of marine machinery wrecked from the Cervera fleet after it was sunk around Santiago. This includes launch boilers, torpedo boat engines, handpumps and a mass of matter from the Colon and Maria Teresa that would be classed as junk but for its historic associations. The best of the machinery has been ordered shipped to the Naval academy at Annapolis, where it will serve as souvenirs and some of it may be put in sufficient repair to act as models for the engineering classes. The remainder will be broken up or sold at auction.

TOMMY RYAN, the Victor.

DICK O'BRIEN, Who Was Defeated Last Night at Hartford by Tommy Ryan and Was Saved from a Knockout by Police Interference.

GREAT SLUMP IN PRICES.

D. F. Cavanaugh, the tailor at 10 Central street, has made a great reduction in Ladies' Tailor-made suits at prices lower than ever quoted by any tailor in the city; also all the latest shades, styles and patterns in Gent's Clothing. You should take advantage of the mark-down sale and save money as well as having the correct style clothing made in the best possible manner at the lowest price in the city. Remember the place—D. F. Cavanaugh, 10 Central street, Lowell's most fashionable tailor.

THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS.

will be spent in Lowell today buying Christmas presents, but it is safe to say there never were so many valuable presents given away in one day at any store in the city as will be given away free today by the New Tea company, opposite the post office on Gorham street. Free electric car passes for those who come a distance and free boxes of Christmas candy to the children will be continued till 11 o'clock tonight.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, } ss.
LUCAS COUNTY.

FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A.D. 1886.

{SEAL} A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

Sold by Druggists, 75c.

FRANK E. DUNN

Charged With Obtaining Money by Fraud.

CASE CONTINUED A FEW DAYS.

At Request of the District Attorney.

Taunton, Mass., Dec. 24.—Frank E. Dunn, of Fall River, was given a hearing in Municipal Court this morning, on the charge of obtaining $200 under false pretenses from George L. Horton of Myricks. Dunn had represented himself as a "General agent of the Associated Press" and as such had engaged Horton to do work, requiring him to put up a cash guarantee. Horton made complaint when he learned that Dunn was not an Associated Press representative. When arraigned Dunn pleaded nolo contendra. Horton testified to the circumstances of paying out the money and also said that restitution in full had been made. Other testimony was offered to the effect that Dunn was not employed by the Associated Press. At the request of the District Attorney, Judge Fox continued the case for a few days for final disposition.

THE GLENMORES.

HELD THEIR SECOND ANNUAL SOCIAL LAST NIGHT.

The Glenmores danced merrily in company with a large gathering of friends in Prescott hall last night. The platform was banked with ferns and tropical plants and holly and in the midst of the foliage was Hibbard's orchestra, the genial "Joe" directing.

At 8 o'clock music was played for a waltz and about 300 couples engaged in the dance.

Last night's was the second annual of the Glenmore's, who are at home on the dance floor as well as the gridiron.

The first social of this popular club was held during the dancing season of last year and its grand success encouraged the members to hold an annual dance.

The officers last night were:

General manager, George B. McKidder; assistant, John W. Clark; floor director, Michael J. Murphy; assistant, John R. Whittaker; aids, Harry C. Ashworth, chief aid; Arthur P. Hinchey, Thomas H. Ashworth, Albert E. Willis, chairman; William H. Trask, Crowell, James E. Mountford.

Reception committee—Samuel R. Wills, chairman; William H. Trask, Edward J. McHugh, Dennis Haley, Frank Emerson, Frank J. O'Hare.

MADE HAPPY.

SEVERAL THOUSAND CHILDREN GIVEN GIFTS BY HOOD CO.

From early morning until late this afternoon when the office closed, the shipping department of Hood's laboratory was thronged with children who were given Christmas presents by this popular firm. Coupons had been distributed among the school children to the number of several thousand and about that many little ones arose with the sun this morning to receive their gifts. The office was decorated with Christmas trees through which were strung a number of vari-colored incandescent lights. A force of 10 employes was in charge if the distribution of the presents and Johnny Day collected the coupons while Officer Frawley put the youngsters through the preliminary practise of exhibiting the slips entitling them to a gift.

At noon the crush was such that only a limited number of children would be allowed in the distribution room at a time and the process of arrival and exit of the youngsters was so systematic as to cause no accidents. Otherwise it might have been that several of the little ones would have been hurt in the mad rush "to be in time." Each child was given a beautiful calendar enclosed in an attractive envelope advertising Hood's remedies. They were also presented an interesting war game.

Just give me a start said a man looking for Christmas presents, and he landed in Gaynor & Co.'s Furniture store, 35 Prescott street and was made happy with his bargains.

Dr. R. J. Mansfield, a well known physician of this city, and a Harvard graduate, is a candidate for the position of court physician in Court Merdimack, F. of A. The election will take place next Tuesday.

POLICE COURT.

"I'm going to take the pledge after Christmas, your Honor," said one of the drunks, whom Judge Hadley asked to stop drinking this morning.

"After Christmas?" queried the court with emphasis on the "after."

"Yes, Your Honor," as soon as Christmas is over, I'll take it," answered the man in the dock.

"Then I think I'll take care of you until Tuesday when with the holiday over we can talk about the matter," decided the court, sending the man to jail until Tuesday in default of $200 bonds.

There were five drunks.

Winnifred Mulroy, a young girl who might have been very pretty were it not for her waywardness, was sent to Sherborn for one year for drunkenness, the court expressing regret at not being privileged to send her a better home.

William G. Sweeney, the young man caught picking pockets yesterday pleaded guilty and was sent to the Massachusetts Reformatory.

FUNERALS.

O'BRIEN—The funeral of the late Terrence O'Brien took place this forenoon from the Sacred Heart church and was largely attended. A requiem mass was celebrated by the pastor, Rev. John P. Reynolds, O.M.I. The choir, under the direction of Miss Adelaide Sullivan, rendered the Gregorian chant. The interment was in the Catholic cemetery, Undertaker Davey in charge.

The bearers were Messrs. Patrick O'Neil, John Hinchey, James McLean and Thomas Muldoon.

One Great Fact

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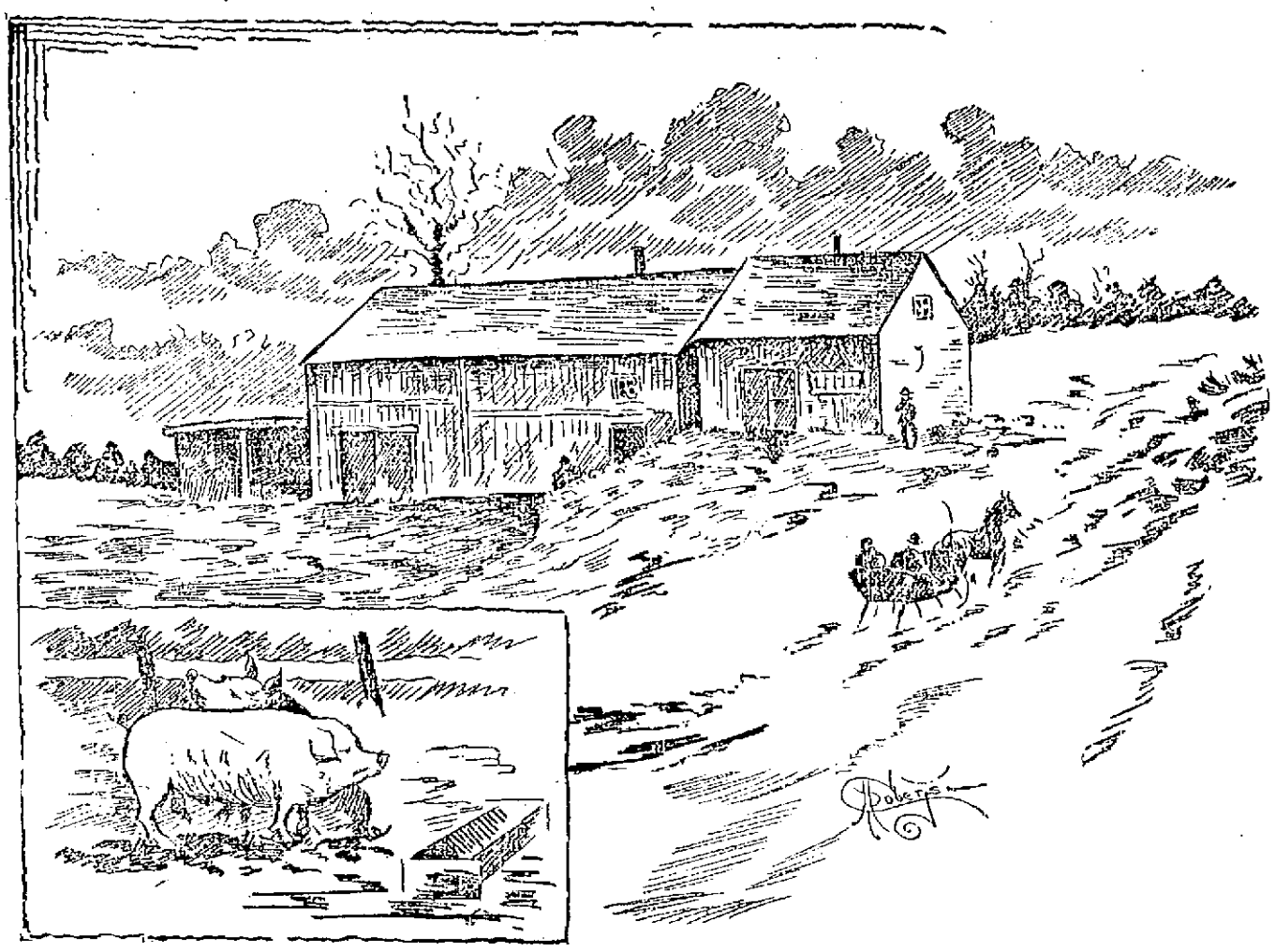


Sketch of a Large Piggery in the Highlands, in Which Certain Board of Health Employes are Said to be Interested and Which is Likely to be the Subject Of Another Investigation.

CHRISTMAS BELLS

Grand Musical Program in the Churches.

CELEBRATING GREATEST CHRISTIAN FEAST.

Augmented Choirs and Inspiring Hymns.

In the Catholic and Episcopal churches the Christmas festival will be observed tomorrow as in some others, although the following day is a legal holiday on which in a secular aspect the feast will be duly celebrated.

As usual some excellent musical programs will be presented, among them being the following:

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

Solemn High Mass 10.30 a.m.

Asperges .....Haggerty
Introit .....Gregorian
Graduale .....Gregorian
Mass in A .....Cherubini
Offertory (Noel).....Van Reyschoot
Postlude (Date Sonitum) .....Costa

Solemn Vespers 6.30 p. m.

Domine Ad.....Emmerich
Dixit Dominus.....Emmerich
Confitebor .....Emmerich
Beatus Vir .....Emmerich
De Profundis.....Stephenson
Memento Domini David.....Stephenson
"Jesu Redemptor" .....Haggerty
Magnificat.....Lambillotte
Alma .....Handel
O Salutaris .....Gounod
Tantum Ergo.....Rossini

The service will conclude with the singing of the Christmas hymn, "Birth of the Child King." The words are by P. J. Lynch, formerly of this city, and the music is by John E. Daniels of Boston.,

The choir will number 60 voices and will be directed by Prof. Haggerty, and assisted by the American orchestra. The soloists will be Misses McCaffrey, Gorman, Mr. James Murphy and Mr. David P. Martin.

ST. PETER'S.

Mass at 10.30 a. m.

Organ Prelude .....Creighton
Kyrie .....Weber
Gloria .....Weber
Veni Creator .....Millard
Offertory, "Adeste Fideles"...Novello
Credo .....Weber
Sanctus .....Weber
Agnus Dei.....La Hache
Postlude Organ.

Chorus of thirty voices. Soloists—Soprano, Mrs. George Wilkins; altos, Miss Nano Gallagher, Mrs. Cunningham; tenors, Mr. C. Calnin, Mr. A. Healy; bass, Mr. Ed. Martin; baritone, Mr. James Donnelly; organist, Mrs. John McKennedy.

Vespers at 7 p. m.

Domine .....Millard..
Dixit Dominus .....Millard
Confitebor.....Ely
Beatus Vir .....Ely
Laudate Pueri .....Zingarelli
Laudate Dominum .....Ely
Glory to God.....Rotili
Alma .....Pleyel
O Salutaris.....Mercier
Tantum Ergo.....Lambillotte
Christmas Hymn .....Daniels

ST. PATRICK'S.

Solemn High Mass at 10.30.

Prelude, Organ and Orchestra.
Asperges .....Werner
Hayden's Imperial Mass.
Veni Creator.
Splendente te Deus, Offertorium.....Mozart
"Birth of the Child King"
Words by P. J. Lynch; music by J. E. Daniels.
Postlude, Organ and Orchestra.

Vesper Service at 7 p.m.

Prelude, Organ and Orchestra.
Domini Ad.....Millard
Dixit Dominus .....Millard
Confitebor .....Bristow
Beatus Vir .....Bristow
De Profundis
Memento Domini David.....Schmidt
Hymn, "Jesu Redemptor".....Mozart
Magnificat .....Emmerich
Alma Redemptor.....Mozart
O Salutaris .....Pecher
Tantum Ergo .....Berge
Laudate Dominum Omnes Gentes.....Newland
Te Deum, grand chorus by choir and congregation.

The choir will be assisted at both services by Hibbard's orchestra.

M. J. Johnson, organist; E. F. Faulkner, director.

ST. MICHAEL'S

Solemn High Mass 10.30 a. m.

Asperges .....Mozart
Mass .....Mozart's No. 12
Offertory, Oratorio Pour Noel...Lambillotte
Lauda Sion .....Lambillotte

Evening Services.

Solemn Vespers 7 p. m.

Vespers .....Millard
Hymn, Adeste Fideles .....Mozart
Magnificat .....Lambillotte
Anthem, Alma .....Mozart
O Salutaris .....Edwards
Tantum Ergo .....Rossini
Lauda Sion .....Lambillotte

A chorus of 50 voices. Soloists, soprano, Mrs. Mary Kelley, Miss Mary Fox, Miss Bessie O'Neil, Miss Hampson; altos, Miss MargaretWalsh, Miss Kittie Conway; tenor, Mr. John Warburton; bass, David M. McHugh; organist, Miss Theresa Corbett; director, John Warburton.

SACRED HEART.

Solemn High Mass 10.30 a. m.

Asperges .....Weber
Kyrie .....Lambillotte
Gloria .....Rosewig
Veni Creator .....Von La Hache
Credo .....Rosewig
Offertory, "Adeste Fideles."
Sanctus .....Rosewig
Benedictus .....Rosewig
Agnus Dei .....Rosewig

Vespers at 3 p. m.

Domine Ad .....Gregorian
Psalms .....Gregorian
Hymn, "Jesu Redemptor".....Mozart
Magnificat .....Lambillotte
"O Holy Night".....Adolphe Adam
"O Salutaris".....De Doss
"Tantum Ergo".....Rossini
"Laudate Dominum".....Est

Solos by members of the choir, assisted by a chorus of 40 voices. Miss Adelaide A. Sullivan, organist and director.

ST. JOSEPH'S.

Entree, "Airs de Noel"
Ed. Vincellette.
Introit, Plain Chant.
Messe Pro Pace .....Von La Hache
Soloistes—Mlles Elodie Gagnon Pratte, Ida Tarte, Yvonne et Antoinette Montmarquette et Mongrain.
Soloistes—Ferdinand Desrosiers, Dr. A. J. Gagnon, Telesphore Malo.
Offertoire, "Ave Maria"....Mascagni
Violin Obligato, Thomas Sullivan.
Sortie
Ed. Vincellette.

Vespers.

Plain Chant.
Magnificat .....Lambillotte
Solo.
Dr. J. A. Gagnon.
O Salutaris .....B. Hemma
Duo,
Mlle Elodie Gagnon, M. Victor Lesage.
Adeste Fideles .....Novello
Choir.
Tantum Ergo .....Lambillotte
Ed. Vincelette organist; H. A. Ra-
Ed. Vincellete, organist; H. A. Ra-

FIRST BAPTIST.

Morning.

Organ Prelude .....Chrismas Pasorale
Mr. A. F. French.
Anthem, "Unto us a Child is Born
Ladies' Chorus, "Glory be to the Lamb"
Duet, "When Christ Was Born"
Mr. O. N. Walch, Mr. WarrenT. Reid
Male Chorus, "That Song of Old"

Evening.

Organ Prelude, Pastorale.
Anthem, "A Savior Which is Christ the Lord."
Quartet, "The Chimes of Christmas Morn."
Mrs. W. H. Pepin, Miss Lena M. Reid Mr. O. N. Walch, Mr. W. T. Reid, with violin obligato by Mr. Joseph P. O'Dwyer.
Soprano Solo, "The Christmas Herald"
Mrs. Pepin, with violin obligato by Mr. O'Dwyer.
Male Quartet, "Glory to God in the Highest,"
Mr. O. N. Walch, Herbert R. Baker Warren G. Reid, Arthur L. Symmes.
J. Avison Baker, musical director.

ST. PAUL'S M. E. CHURCH.

Morning service at 10.30; evening at 6.30. Rev. L. W. Staples will preach in the morning; subject, "Opening the Spice Box." Evening subject, "Childhood of Christ;" illustrated.

Morning Music.

"Come Ye Faithful".....Schnecker
"Hark the Christmas Bells"...Manney
"Glory to God in the Highest"Hanscom
"Sanctus" .....Gounod

Evening Music.

"Sing O Heavens".....Tours
"Prince of Peace".....Hanscom
"Angels from the Realm of Glory"
Bullard.

The choir will be sopranos, Mrs. Chas. Jenkins, Miss Rae Storell; altos, Mrs. F. L. Roberts, Miss Maud Marshall; tenors, Arthur Warren, George B. Adams; basses, Frank B. Murphy, Burton H. Preston; Charles V. Barker, organist; Frank B. Murphy, director.

HOUSE OF PRAYER.

Walker street, near Grove. Rev. Warner E. L. Ward, pastor. Plain celebration at 6.30 a. m. Choral Eucharist 10.45 a. m.

Organ Prelude, "Chorus of Angels".....Clark
Processional Hymn,.....56
Introit, Hymn.....49
Kyrie .....Cruickshank
Graduale, "Away in a Manger."
Gloria Tibi, Gratias Tibi...Cruickshank
Credo .....Cruickshank
Hymn 60
Offertorium, solo, "Glory to God" Rotoli
Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus .....Cruickshank
Gloria in Excelsis.....Cruickshank
Nunc Dimittis.....Simper
Retrocessional Hymn .....Batiste
Organ Prelude.

Children's Vespers 4 p. m.

Processional Hymn.....56
Psalm 111
Vesper Hymn, "Away in a Manger"
Magnificat .....Simper
Hymn 58
Offertorium Hymn.....55
Retrocessional Hymn.....51

Evensong 7 p. m.

Organ Prelude.....Batiste
Processional Hymn, Proper Psalms, Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, Solo "Holy Night;" Hymn, Offertorium, solo; Retrocessional Hymn; Organ Postlude.

The choir will be supplemented by female voices and the solos will be rendered by Miss Caroline Richardson Mrs. Ward and Masters Herbert Hunt and Rupert Ripley. Mr. Albert Asquith, organist of the church, will preside at the organ.

CHARLES E ADAMS

Sketch of His Interesting Career

IN THE LADIES' HOME JOURNAL.

One of Lowell's Most Progressive Citizens.

The last number of the Boston Home Journal published an excellent half tone portrait of our distinguished townsman, Hon. Charles E. Adams, president of the state board of trade, together with a biographical sketch.

Although he is a native of Lowell, as well as a present resident of that city, Charles E. Adams has many family affiliations with the nearer vicinity of Boston. He is a descendant in the seventh generation of Roger Adams of Brookline, who came to New England in 1645 or thereabouts, and married Mary, daughter of Thomas Barker in 1674, dying in 1714. C. E. Adam's great-grandfather, Smith Adams of Newton, was in the battles of Lexington and Concord. Mr. Adams was born April 18, 1841, in Lowell, son of Elisha and Sally Howe (Prouty) Adams. He was educated in the Lowell public schools and began business life as a clerk in a retail hardware store in Lowell, afterward becoming salesman for a wholesale house in the same line in New York.

He remained six years in New York, and then spent a year in Cincinatti. In August, 1865, he returned to Lowell and opened a hardware and mill supplies store at 185 Middlesex street. He is still located on the same street, and is in the same line of business but his establishment has vastly increased in size and importance from its humble beginning, now occupying the stores numbered 404, 408 and 410 Middlesex street.

Of late years Mr. Adams has secured the attention of business men throughout the state by his interest in the concerted work of business men. He suggested the idea of its formation and was one of the founders of the state board of trade composed of thirty-eight boards of trade and business associations, representing the mercantile and industrial interests of the commonwealth, and on its organization, October 30, 1890, was made its president, which position he still holds. He is also prominent in other trade organizations, being an active member of the New England Hardware Dealers' association, of the New England Paint and Oil club.

He has been president of the Bradley-Stone Electric Storage company, and director of many telegraph and telephone companies, as well as of the Lowell, Lawrence & Haverhill Electric Street Railway company. In 1889 and 1890 he served as president of the Lowell Board of Trade, and has represented Lowell in the legislature, as well as serving as United States alternate commissioner from Massachusetts at the Columbian exposition. Lately he has been appointed by the governor a commissioner to the Paris exposition.

Mr. Adams, as will be seen, is eminently a man of affairs. His business interests are important and varied, but at the same time his social side is amply cultivated. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, a member of the Order of Odd Fellows and of the Royal Arcanum. He belongs to the Highland, Country and Vesper clubs of Lowell and to the Massachusetts Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, being a member of the board of managers. He also has membership in the Massachusetts club of this city.

On Dec. 10, 1873, Mr. Adams, of whom an excellent portrait appears on the first page of that issue of the Home Journal, was married to Miss Ida Mary Bartlett of Antrim, N. H.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

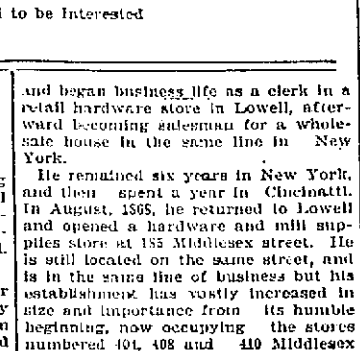
PROVED THE CITY ELECTION IN SPECIAL MEETING TODAY.

A special meeting of the board of aldermen was held at City Hall this morning for the purpose of proving the recent election. There were present Mayor Bennett and Aldermen Pierce, Rivet, Libby, Derby and Coward. The meeting came to order at 11 o'clock. While waiting for the beginning of the meeting Alderman Pelree suggested that the four horses of the lands and buildings committee now being boarded at McNully's and Conant's stables, be taken to the city stable where there are plenty of vacant stalls. The mayor appointed Alderman Pelree a committee of one to look up the matter.

City Clerk Dadman then read the report of the registrars of voters on the recent recount and the report was placed on file.

An order introduced by Alderman Pelree to recognize the results of the recount was adopted and the meeting adjourned.

The committee on salaries will meet at 4.30 this afternoon.



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Concourse of Mourners at St. Peter's Church

FUNERALS OF PROF. TERENCE F. MOLLOY

And Owen Cahill Largely Attended This Forenoon.

The obsequies of the late Prof. Terence F. Molloy took place this forenoon from St. Peter's church where he so long officiated as director of the choir. In the edifice was a large congregation including many musical people from in and out of the city and many of denominations other than the Catholic all anxious by their presence to pay the last tribute of respect to one so highly revered in the community. In the vast concourse of mourners there were members of the Sisters of Charity and brothers of the Xaverian order, while in the choir were singers from all the Catholic choirs of the city and many from the Protestant churches. Many of the singers were so deeply affected that they could not sing the parts assigned them, notably the Misses Louise M. McLaughlin and Nano Gallagher. In the choir there was hardly one who could refrain his tears all feeling that a personal friend had departed this life. This feeling of sadness seemed infectious throughout the edifice for many remembered a friend or relative gone before at whose funeral the dead singer participated and who endeavored to comfort those left behind by sympathetic words voiced in song. Even long before the hour of service the residence of the sister of the deceased, Mrs. Mary A. Phelan was visited by throngs of people all anxious to look for the last time on the face of the dead vocalist as the body reposed in a black broadcloth casket surrounded by choice and fragrant exotics. The countenance bore a look of tranquility and was very lifelike betraying no evidence of the sufferings that Mr. Molloy endured. As the remains were carried down the broad aisle of the church the solemn and measured tones of Chopin's funeral march pealed forth being performed on the organ by Mrs. Josephine R. McKennedy. A requiem mass was celebrated by Rev. W. George Mullin and the augmented choir united in singing with impressive effect Schmidt's requiem. The male portion of the choir was unusually strong being one of the most effective ever heard within the edifice. At the offertory Mr. James Murphy of the Immaculate Conception choir rendered very sweetly the hymn "Pie Jesu" by Leybach. At the conclusion of Mass the solos of the Libera were also effectively sung by Mr. Murphy. Then Mr. James E. Donnelly sang one of Mr. Molloy's favorite hymn "No Cross No Crown." This was sung with the beautiful effectiveness for which this popular Lowell baritone is noted and coupled with the tender and touching words it moved the congregation to tears. Never before was there such a scene of weeping within the walls of St. Peter's church. Another favorite hymn of the dead director "Rest Spirit Rest," was sung by the large chorus with Miss Josephine Finn of St. Patrick's church as soloist. As the funeral cortege passed from the church the hymn "Nearer My God to Thee" was sung by the choir the voices uplifted while the tear-bedimmed eyes of the singers looked down on the bier containing the remains as it passed beneath them on its journey to the grave.

Among the beautiful floral tributes was a large spray of pink pinks and cycas palms from Mrs. Mary A. Phelan and family; spray of white pinks and cycas palms, Mrs. Thomas H. Bradley of River Point R. I., and Miss Lizzie Molloy; large harp, St. Peter's church choir; mammoth cross and crown, Mr. Albion Taylor, Jr.; large bunch of roses, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Hogan; spray of carnation pinks and palms, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Maguire; spray of roses with satin ribbon attachment, Mr. James T. Hornby; spray of Lemson pinks, Carl and Lena Hart; spray of pinks and satin ribbon, Miss Janet Rowlandson.

The funeral was in charge of Undertaker Peter Davey and the funeral arrangements in charge of Mr. Thomas F. Comerford. The pall bearers were Messrs. Albion Taylor, Jr., Charles T. Donohoe, Patrick Corcoran, James McKeown, James T. Hornby and Thomas F. Commerford. Truly this great bereavement falls upon the relatives and friends of the departed singer as the stroke of a heavier hand, breaking the finer cords so delicately woven into human life and that vibrate only to the touch of filial affection.

"Leaves have their time to fall,
And flowers to wither at the North Wind's breath,
And stars to set; but all,—
Thou hath all seasons for thine own, O Death!"

THE CAHILL FUNERAL.

The funeral services of the late Owen Cahill were very largely attended, many remaining from the Molloy obsequies, which preceded it. In the edifice were noticeable many of the older residents and many out-of-town friends and relatives of deceased. A requiem mass was celebrated by the pastor of the church, Rev. Michael Ronan. The choir rendered Schmidt's requiem. At the offertory Mr. Edward Martin rendered the hymn for the dead, "De Profundis," and at the conclusion of mass, Mr. James E. Donnelly sang "One Sweetly Solemn Thought." The interment was in the Catholic cemetery in charge of Undertaker Davey, the celebrant of the mass performing the final services at the grave. The pallbearers were Messrs. Patrick Kelley, James Farley, Lawrence Farley, James Cook, Owen Muldoon and Christopher Sheridan. Among the large number of floral tributes was a broken wreath and sickle on mammoth base with the inscription in blue immortelles "Owen" from Mr. Christopher Sheridan and family; large ivy wreath, Mr. P. Kelley; large sheaf of wheat, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Tighe and family.

ORDERS TO OTIS

To Take the Island of Iloilo.

NO SPECIAL REASON IS STATED

Why This Step is Taken at Present.

Washington, Dec. 24—By direction of the president, Sec. Alger yesterday afternoon cabled to Gen. Otis, in command of the United States forces at Manila, directing him to capture without delay Iloilo.

No further instructions were cabled the general, who is left full discretion as to the methods to be employed.

It is believed by war department officials that Gen. Otis will probably send a couple of regiments to Iloilo, and that Admiral Dewey will co-operate with him to the extent of a couple of cruisers, the defences of the place not being strong enough to require the sending of the monitors.

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AT THE SCHOOLS

The School Children Celebrate Christmas.

CHRISTMAS TREES AT PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

The Schools Closed for the Holidays.

In all the schools of the city yesterday Christmas exercises were held and programs of unusual merit which were in preparation for some time were given. In some of the schools the whole day was given up to celebrating the arrival of the day and in the primary grades Christmas trees were arranged and the children received their gifts at the conclusion of the entertainment.

In the advanced department of St. Patrick's Boys school the students held union exercises and many well written papers on "Christmas" were read.

At the Bartlett school, Misses Perham, Reid and Batchelder directed the Christmas tree distribution and had charge of the entertainment held in the hall of the school.

At the Franklin school there were separate exercises in the three different departments: Franklin primary, Highland annex and kindergarten. The kindergarten department under the management of the teachers, Miss George Taylor and Miss Helen Noyes, held exercises in the forenoon and the Christmas tree was laden with presents.

The Pawtucket school, kindergarten, had a Christmas tree and the exercises were under the charge of Misses King and Tabor.

Graphaphone selections besides singing and declamations comprised the entertainment at the Butler school. In the separate class-room exercises pertaining strictly to the season were held and Miss Adelaide Sullivan added greatly to the program by rendering Christmas carols.

For more than 25 years past the pupils of the Morrill school have enjoyed the generosity of the principal Miss Coughlin on both May Day and the closing day before Christmas holidays. Yesterday was no exception to the rule and all the children when leaving for home were given a number of gifts besides having enjoyed the annual party.

The teachers of the Carter street schools arranged a Christmas tree which was very much enjoyed by the little ones in their charge.

The kindergarten of the Lincoln street school had a Christmas tree and the pupils also enjoyed a short entertainment program. The teachers of the London street and Weed street schools provided many good things for their little ones and the pupils showed their regard for their teachers by suitable presents.

In the principal's department of the Edson school a lengthy program consisting of several original numbers by the pupils besides recitations and readings was given.

A Christmas tree at the Plain street school was laden with Christmas gifts for the scholars.

Following is the program of exercises at the grammar department of the training school:

1. Chorus: Hark! the Herald Angels Sing.
2. Recitation: The Night Before Christmas.
3. Reading: Original Story, Mary Coyne.
4. Recitation: Jest 'Fore Christmas, Alfred Hird.
5. Song, "Merry Christmas Bells," School.
6. Recitation: Under the Mistletoe, Elizabeth Rawley.
7. Christmas Carol, Edward Roberts.
8. Song: Shine Out, Oh Blessed Star! School.
9. Recitation: Two Little Stockings, Isabelle Hunt.
10. The Story of Christmas, Florence Busby.
11. Chorus: Holy Night.
12. Reading: Original Poem, Hortense Gallagher.
13. Recitation: The Christmas Goose, Kittie Meloy.
14. Song: Carol, Children, Carol. School.

Christmas Operetta, consisting of songs, marches and recitations: North Wind, Clide McArdle; Winter, Agnes Johnston; Santa Claus, John Winter.

Snowflakes—Maggie O'Connor, Maggie Rydle, Madeleine Merrill, Pallmyra Reizentis, Marion Brodie, Leona Morrill.

Holly, Rachel Douginss; Mistletoe, Minnie Meaney.

Babies—Florence Wilkinson, Mae Stevenson, Stella Buttermore, Stella Busby.

Snowballing, Boys—Frank Doherty, James Clark, Eben Brennan, Conale Keefe.

BUTLER SCHOOL.

The pupils of the Butler evening school were awarded prizes last evening by the principal, Thomas H. Muldoon. The fortunate ones in each class are as follows:

Room 1—Mr. Helver Lofgren, teacher: 1st prize, excellency in studies, Miss Tina Carlson; 2nd prize, attendance and deportment, Mr. August Wilson.

Room 2—Miss Nellie F. Bourke, teacher; 1st prize, excellence in studies, Master George Gordon; 2nd prize attendance and deportment, Master Albert Stanhope.

Room 3—Miss Minnie McSorley, teacher; 1st prize, excellence in studies, Miss Margaret King; 2nd prize, attendance and deportment, Miss Lizzie Donahue.

Room 4.—Miss Adelaide Sullivan, teacher; 1st prize, excellence in studies, Mr. Wm. Chadwick; 2nd prize, attendance and deportment, Mr. Simon Lane.

The school is making great progress under the efficient principal, who has interested them in the school work.

SENATOR HALE

Will Oppose Ratification of the Paris Treaty.

SAYS HE HAS NOT YIELDED

The Position He Originally Assumed.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Lewiston, Me., Dec. 24.—A special from Washington says that Senator Hale revealed today his determination to oppose the ratification of the Paris treaty.

"The newspapers," said the senator, "are representing that this senator has yielded and that another senator has yielded. That seems to be the tactics of the friends of the treaty."

The senator had been reading a Boston dispatch reproduced in the Lewiston Journal, which led him to announce again his position.

CYR AND BARRE.

Louis Cyr and Horace Barre, the two strong men, well known in Lowell have just completed a tour of the west and the former will rest during the remainder of the winter season at Montreal while Barre will spend his time in Joliette

GOV. ROLLINS.

ANNOUNCES THE MAKE-UP OF HIS STAFF.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Concord, N. H., Dec. 24.—Governor-elect Rollins made the first public announcement of his staff this morning as follows:

Augustus D. Ayling, Concord, Adjutant General.

Elbert Wheeler, Nashua, Inspector General.

William E. Spaulding, Nashua, Quartermaster General.

Harry H. Dudley, Concord, Commissary General.

William P. Chadwick, Exeter, Judge Advocate General.

Ferdinand A. Stillings, Concord, Surgeon General.

Walter H. Porter, Keene; William Marcotte, Manchester; Eugene S. Head, Hooksett; Carlos P. Day, Berlin, Aides.

REFORM MEASURES.

WILL BE URGED BY MANY COMMERCIAL BODIES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Harry A. Garfield, president of the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce, has been in Washington for the past few days in connection with Consular reform measures which the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce and other commercial institutions throughout the country intend to urge upon Congress. They will ask for a hearing before the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate and the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House, unless, so far as the House is concerned, the Adams bill, which was favorably reported at the last session of Congress, is deemed to be a satisfactory basis. Commercial organizations both east and west are co-operating in the movement.

THE AUBURNDALE FLOATED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

New York, Dec. 24.—The bark Auburndale, Captain Dow, from Buenos Ayres for this port, which went ashore near Barnegat, on the Jersey coast, has been floated and was sighted off Sandy Hook at 10.45 this morning in tow of the wrecking tug North America.

GERMANY WILL NOT BUY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Berlin, Dec. 24.—In official circles here it is said that there is no truth in the report that Germany has proposed to buy the Island of Fernando Po, the Spanish penal settlement in the Bight of Biafra, Western Africa.

GOING TO MANILLA.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Madrid, Dec. 24.—General Rios, the Spanish Commander at Iloilo Island of Panay, cables that he is going to Manila in order to arrange for the repatriation of the Spanish troops.

THE WEATHER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Boston, Dec. 24.—Forecast for Boston and vicinity: Fair to-night and Sunday; colder; west winds; probably continued fair Monday.

SPANISH SECURITIES FELL.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Madrid, Dec. 24.—After the close of Spanish commander at Iloilo, Island for securities fell to 53.75, owing to an unfavorable bulletin regarding the condition of Premier Sagasta.

IT IS UNTRUE.

Mr. William Collins, an employe of the Eagle Troy laundry, on inquiry of a reporter this noon, stated that the story published in this morning's papers to the effect that a nephew of his was run over near Nashua and was badly injured, is untrue. Mr. Collins says he has no nephew who is a brakeman.

FINEST IN TOWN.

Everybody is getting shaved at Charles Glidden's barber shop, in the Sun Building today. "Charlie" has the finest looking shop in the city. The interior is decorated with streamers of evergreen and holly, and "Charlie" and his assistants are attired in natty duck coats "made for the occasion."

GOLDEN WEDDING

Of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lewis Observed Today.

WERE MARRIED 50 YEARS AGO AT PELHAM.

Many Friends Visit Them With Congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lewis of Pelham, N. H., today observe their golden wedding at their cosy farm house on the Lawrence road. They were married 50 years ago today at the "Black North Meeting House," together with Miss Julia A., oldest sister of Mr. Lewis, and Mr. Emery Cutter, Mrs. Cutter being still alive and a guest at the observance today.

Mr. Lewis was born June 20, 1828, and Mrs. Lewis May 26, 1831. Before their marriage her name was Elizabeth Anne Thistle.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis have had eight children. Of these, one, Allen E., is dead. The others are: George Henry Lewis of Lowell; Leroy Jason Lewis, living at home; Mrs. Emma A. Thomas, Lowell; Guilford A. Lewis, Methuen; Charles D. Lewis, Methuen; Will B. Lewis, Haverhill; Albert W. Lewis, Methuen. There are seven grandchildren.

The children will be present at the observance this afternoon and will assist in receiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis enjoy excellent health. Mr. Lewis has never been sick and even now is active enough to go hunting occasionally. Just the other day he was out fox hunting.

Mr. Lewis is a member of Gen. Starke colony, Pilgrim Fathers, and among the many callers today will be a delegation of this organization. Rev. Augustus Berry of the Pelham church is among the invited guests.

HALIFAX MILLS.

FORMERLY OPERATED BY DR. MOORE PURCHASED BY MILFORD FIRM.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Milford, N. H., Dec. 24.—P. Bartlett & Son of this place, have just concluded the purchase of all the knitting machinery of the Halifax mills at Laconia which were formerly operated by Dr. J. C. Moore. The transaction gave rise to an erroneous report that the Bartlett's were negotiating for the entire plant. The machinery will be placed in the factory of Bartlett & Son here.

SAGASTA IS BETTER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Madrid, Dec. 24.—The condition of Senor Sagasta, the premier, was somewhat better this morning and the attending doctors are now hopeful of his recovery.

BIG FIRE.

IN THE STORE OF C. S. JOHNSON IN BOSTON.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Boston, Dec. 24.—Fire was discovered this morning in the three-story brick building, 1783 to 1799 Washington street, occupied by C. S. Johnson as a grocery and liquor store. The fire started in the cellar from some unknown cause and completely burned out the two lower floors. The loss is estimated at $5000.

SOLDIERS ARE SAFE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Vienna, Dec. 24.—It is now learned that the several hundred Montenegrin soldiers who were recently overtaken by a snow storm in the Lara pass and who were thought to have been frozen to death, succeeded in making their way through the heavy drifts and have arrived safely at Porgoritza, a town of Montenegro.

SHOE FACTORIES

May Attempt to Start Next Tuesday.

STATEMENT ISSUED BY S. H. HOWE.

Ministers Sympathize With Manufacturers.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Marlboro, Mass., Dec. 24.—It is the general opinion that an attempt will be made to start the shoe factories here on the free shop basis, Monday, January 2. Several of the manufacturers have made statements to that effect, provided they can get sufficient help to run their factories. S. H. Howe, president of the S. H. Howe Shoe Company says that he will not insist upon his employees signing the individual agreement that has been published, but that he will accept a verbal agreement the rate of wages named to stand for one year or more if agreeable.

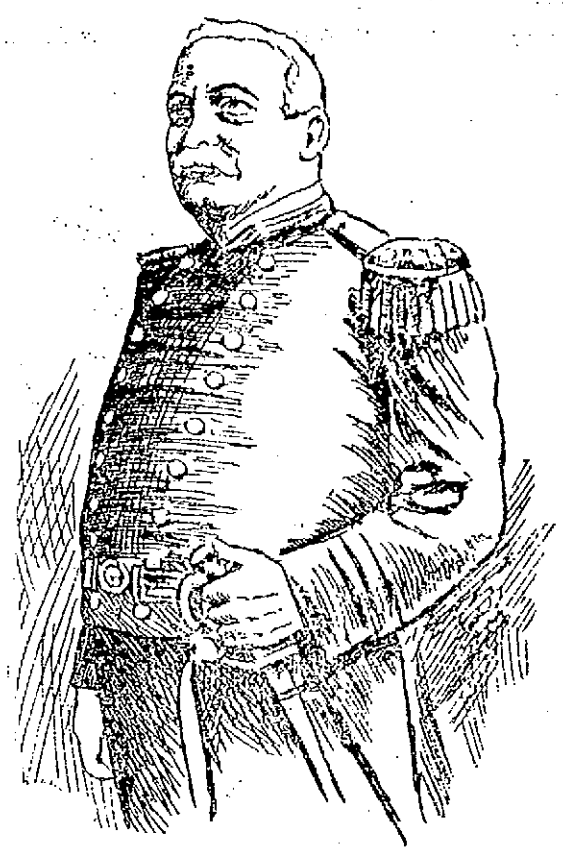
W. B. Rice, of the firm of Rice & Hutchings, has stated that he wants to make shoes in Marlboro, but if the people do not want him, he can go elsewhere. He stated that he will try to begin operations on the orders he has received while his factory has been tied up by the labor trouble, and that if he finds he cannot get the orders out here he will go to a more congenial place.

Clergymens meetings held here yesterday disclosed the fact that the ministers, with one exception, sympathize with the manufacturers.

Michael J. Leavitt, foreman of the purifying department of the Lowell Gas Company, was last night presented at his residence, with a magnificent pipe, as a Christmas rememberance, by a delegation of the help from the works.

Principal Henry H. Harris entertained the Varnum school pupils yesterday afternoon with a graphophone exhibition.

OFFICE TO LET—A nice office to let in The Sun building. Inquire at Sun office.



COM. ALBERT KANTZ, U.S.N., Who Will be Promoted to an Admiral.

DEMAND SURELY COMING

FALL RIVER OPERATIVES WILL ASK TO HAVE WAGES RESTORED.

The Fall River correspondent of the Providence Journal says: Just what form the movement of the operatives will take under the changed conditions which have made a margin between the price of the finished product and the cost of labor and the raw material, from which profits are likely to be extracted, is not known but it is useless to shut the eyes to the fact that the help will make a demand for a restoration of the schedule at the first opportunity.

As has been reported, the leaders of the unions have already discussed the subject, and while there has been nothing said that would indicate that there will be undue haste in the attempt to convince manufacturers that they ought to look at the situation from the standpoint of the employes, it is no secret that the improvement in the market has not escaped their attention and that they are restless. Whatever may be the case in smaller communities, in which the toilers are not organized, in the larger manufacturing centers this wage question is perpetually before the public and experience has taught investors that they must take it into account when they bid on stocks.

The argument on the side of capital just now is that there is no guarantee that there will not be a reaction, and that prices will not drop; that many companies have had a struggle for several years to make both ends meet, and that all of the corporations should have an opportunity to get on to their feet before an agitation calculated to increase expenses is commenced.

On the other side, it is urged that the depression has deprived many people of the luxuries of life, to say nothing of what were once regarded as the necessaries, that the majority are naturally more deeply interested in their incomes than in dividends and that it is well to petition for higher pay at an early date, because there is sure to be a controversy which will result in delay.

Still, as intimated, the spinners and weavers are inclined to be conservative, and it would not be surprising if they held back until Spring. They know that the situation has not been misrepresented, and that there has been no money in the business for anybody, and they at least suspect that agents and directors are in no mood to listen to an appeal calculated to add to the running expenses at the end of the first month of good trade.

This matter will be taken up at the next general meeting of the Weavers' Progressive association, and has already been discussed by the executive committee of the Spinners' union.

WHAT BOOKS

ARE BEST ADAPTED FOR XMAS PRESENTS.

Mr. Editor:

Can you give me a few hints on the right kind of a book to buy for a Christmas present, as in looking over the endless number, I see as good looking books for 49 cents as you can get elsewhere for a dollar. Please state the difference and why there is such a wide range in the price of books and oblige,

—A Sun Reader.

Some of the best books are cheap because they are free from copyright and sold everywhere; but nobody, it seems would appreciate a present of such a book, however good, as there are few who have not read them and anybody who wants one of them, can get them so cheaply. When selecting a book, you must consider the intelligence and the taste of the person who is to receive it. For a person who can appreciate good literature and something that is first-class, while having the advantage of being the latest thing out, you will make no mistake by selecting any of the following works: The Battle of the Strong by Gilbert Parker; The Day's Work by Kipling; Historic Towns of New England by Powell; A Year From a Reporter's Note Book by Richard Harding Davis; Recollections of the Civil War by the late Charles A. Dana; Cannon and Camera by J. C. Hemment. This book gives photographic views of every battle in the late war. The Castle Inn by Stanley J. Weyman; A Desert Drama or tragedy of the Korosko by A. Conan Doyle; Great Books by Farrar; The True Ben Franklin by Fisher; China and Transformation by A. R. Colquhoun. This is a most instructive book on civil and political life and like Harding Davis's book is a most fascinating work. The latter gives an account of the Czar and the most thrilling scenes of the Cuban war. Other books, any of which would make a most acceptable present are Illustrated Rome, Venice, Florence and Paris, all pictorial work of rare excellence.

For a youth or a parent who is anxious to do the best possible for his boys, there are two new books which are unexcelled. One is What Shall Our Boys Do for a Living?" by Rev. Mr. Winship a distinguished educator of Boston and the other just published is The Secret of Achievement by Orison Swett Marden, one of the best writers on such subjects that is known to the English language. He far excels Dr. Smiles or any of those who have essayed to write for the guidance of youth in the attainment of success. All these books are for sale at Lawler's, Corner of Merrimack and John streets and all have the advantage of novelty as well as of being by standard authors whose names are a guarantee of excellence.

POISONED BY SAUSAGES.

A NEW BEDFORD MAN FOUND IN HALF COMATOSE STATE.

Eating sausages endangered the life of William King, who resides on Beetle street, New Bedford, Wednesday, and he has not yet recovered from the ill effects of his experience of Wednesday. Mr. King, who is employed by the New Bedford Copper company, ate the sausages for his dinner yesterday. In the afternoon he was taken suddenly ill, and his condition became so serious that he had to be taken home in a carriage. Dr. George Barnes attended the man and found him to be in a half comatose state. His hands and arms were abnormally swollen and he was suffering from violent pains in the stomach and head. Dr. Barnes pronounced it a case of poisoning caused by diseased pork which had been put into the sausages.

COMPANY TO DISBAND.

The members of fire engine company No. 1, of Georgetown have voted to disband. Since the burning of the town hall, the company has been severely criticised for the work done that evening. The men claim they did as well as they could and have resigned to make way for others, thus leaving the town without an engine company.

Miss Jane E. Warfield entertained the members of her Sunday school class at her home on Pawtucket street Thursday evening.

Mrs. Edward P. Remick of Barnston, P. Q., has arrived here to spend Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Pierce of Chelmsford street.

James F. Cahill, an employe of the Arlington hotel, has resigned his position and will leave for Chicago where he has secured a position.

HALF STARVED

Are the People at Maloios Near Manila.

AMERICANS HOLD ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING.

Presided Over By Consul Williams.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Manila, Dec. 24.—The steamer Union which, as cabled to the Associated Press yesterday, returned here from Iloilo with native and Spanish soldiers and was refused a landing at this place, had been detained by the American officials.

Private advices from the southern provinces say that business is suspended in all the leading towns, that supplies are scarce and that foreigners are only permitted to travel when special permits have been issued to them.

At Maloios, the headquarters of the so-called Philippine government, near here, the native soldiers are levying on the villagers for supplies of food. The people are half-starved and universal dissatisfaction prevails.

American volunteers to the number of 603 attended an enthusiastic meeting of the newly formed Philippine Development Association yesterday evening. Mr. Williams, United States Consul at Manila, presided. Definite action upon the part of the organization was postponed pending the decision of General Otis on certain matters.

THE DRAMA AND ATHLETICS

ADELINA PATTI, THE INCOMPARABLE DIVA.

Interesting Facts In the Romantic Life of the Greatest Soprano the World Has Ever Known.

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Among a company of dark browed Italians who landed at a New York wharf just 50 years ago was one Salvatore Patti, a Sicilian operatic tenor, who for years had all but starved as a music master in Madrid. With him came a brown eyed woman of decided beauty and two little girls with rounded cheeks and plaited hair. These children had the soft melodious voices of their southern home, and as the little family was very poor, they sang in the streets of New York. Many among the hurrying crowds of the city stopped to admire the rich, clear fullness of the younger girl's voice. Tightly clasped under her arm she held a bedraggled doll, and she courtesied with a stately old world grace as some passerby thrust a coin into her little brown hand. That child was Adelina Juana Maria Clorinda Patti, and that childish southern voice was destined to charm the world as it had never been charmed before.

New York in the fifties was not the fin de siecle New York of today. Near Madison Square on Fourth avenue stood the famous Cremorne Garden, the prototype of the Diana crowned Madison Square Garden of our own time. Here the antebellum New Yorker, more content with his lot than the ever hurrying century ender, set about the tables in front of the stage of a warm summer night and while drinking his beer listened to the singers whom Manager Nixon of the Cremorne ushered before him.

One day this manager of the Cremorne chanced to hear two little Italians singing in front of the old New York hotel. Scrambling in the younger girl's voice caught his ear, and he arranged for her appearance on the stage of the Cremorne. That was the first appearance of Adelina Patti. It was with great solicitude that Signora Patti plaited the long hair of her tiny daughter and carefully powdered the rough brown cheeks. But the doll, her beloved "Henriette," the child would not surrender, and when she made her first dignified courtesy on a public stage the china baby was clasped tightly under her arm. The staid Cremorne Gardeners forgot their beer mugs when they heard that childish soprano voice and applauded again and again.

After a season of singing "The Star Spangled Banner" and other patriotic songs, in which the American flag was usually waved by the young singer, the timbre of her voice attracted the attention of musicians, and in a short time Signorina Patti was singing before more accomplished and more critical audiences.

Music masters were secured, engagements were made, and it was seen that the demure little woman had inherited all the musical talent of her Italian mother, who had been known in Rome as a singer of some eminence. In time the little Patti made her debut at the Italian theater in New York, and before long such artists as Alboni, Sontag and even the great Mario himself stopped to give a word of admiring praise to the ambitious young songstress. On one occasion the then famous Grisi was heard by the youthful Adelina, who had put together a small nosegay for the great diva. Timidly she proffered her tribute to the singer, who waved her aside with the careless words, "Not just now, little girl," for a thousand hands were applauding thunderously on the other side of the footlights. Weeping and in confusion, the girl drew back, but the great big hearted Mario caught her up in his arms and kissed away her tears. He begged for the little bouquet and promised to keep it forever and forever.

In 1852 the child phenomenon was taken on a tour to Canada. On her return to New York she settled down to hard work and close study, and the years slipped quietly but happily away.

The sunshine of those early years was her girlish love for Max Strakosch, her "Dear Max," as she called him in all her youthful, passionate love letters. Max's brother Maurice had married Adelina's sister Amalia, and it was through the good services of both Max and Maurice that she first secured suitable singing masters and eventually her excellent and thorough vocal training.

It was a very beautiful part of her life, this love of the singing girl for the young Viennese pianist, who had the habit of taking her on his knee and telling her stories of his beautiful Vienna and old world singers and how some day she should be great and sing on a Vienna stage. Then, after a short rest, came the actual debut of the girl singer. In the New York Academy of Music in the winter of 1859 she sang the title role in "Lucia di Lammermoor," and, although she was but 15 years old, the news went far and wide that a new star had come to shine within the musical firmament. Unlike most child phenomenons, her voice had not been affected by her juvenile performances. From that day her success was unqualified, in many ways unparalleled. A triumphal tour of the United States followed, and then a journey to London, and her first separation from her beloved Max, to whom all the while she wrote tender, beautiful, feeling love letters, to be remembered in after years with much laughter, but more regret. London fell at her feet, and her singing in "La Sonnambula" carried the city by storm. The entire English world seemed to go mad over the beautiful young singer, who soon proved herself to be not only the possessor of a wonderful voice, but also a great actress. London society forgot its traditional reserve and opened its arms to the girl who had once sung in the streets of New York.

In her letters to the young pianist lover she had left in America she makes scarcely any mention of the great success she was achieving in England. In fact, in all her letters she refers to her powers as nothing more than ordinary, and once she laughingly said, while giving ten reasons for her undeserved title of "Queen of Song," that the tenth cause of her popularity was her willingness always to sing "Home, Sweet Home" when her audience asked for it.

But the young Adelina, like all other singers with ambition, ardently longed to have her English success consecrated by Gallic indorsement and confirmed by Parisian applause. When she did appear in the French capital, she met with nothing but delighted appreciation. Her tour of Europe was a Napoleonic triumph. She secured the patronage of the Empress Eugenia and in three years became regularly attached to the Italian Opera House in Paris. She became the spoiled darling of an indulgent imperial court, but living always, as she has put it, "a slave to her throat and her doctor," she let no dissipation lure her from the straight and narrow path of the trained vocalist.

PATTI TWENTY YEARS AGO AND NOW.

The years that followed were probably the most brilliant and at the same time progressive in Mme. Patti's existence. An occasional appearance at St. Petersburg, at Brussels and at London added to her reputation. At the Russian capital she became the personal friend of the czar and the royal family, and as a result of that friendship she is today the only woman singer who possesses the order of St. Catherine.

By this time both Patti and Strakosch realized that, although loving each other devotedly, they would never be happy as man and wife. As her "Max" laughingly said long afterward, he wanted some one who would give him nice things to eat and sew buttons on his shirt. So, under the solicitations of the Empress Eugenia, Patti agreed to a union with the Marquis de Caux, the bearer of one of the oldest names in France and equerry to Napoleon III. For Patti this was a marriage de convenance, although she and her husband lived on happy grounds for several years. It was feared when she first married that the gifted marquise intended to retire from the operatic stage. Instead of this M. de Caux resigned his official position at court that he might accompany his wife on all her professional tours.

In 1867, the year following her marriage, Patti electrified Paris with her "Juliet" and scored still another success with her "Margherita," notwithstanding the fact that her rendition of this part had to challenge comparison with that of many other great singers.

But though Patti's married life seemed a manifestly happy one, such was not the case. As Handel pointed out in one of his letters, she had accumulated wealth, she had won fame, but she had no one to "suffer for." It seems to be the divine right of the artistic temperament, with its intense feeling and independent will, to make any effort to secure the highest happiness in marital association.

In the case of a great artistic, whose art demands continual labor and simple living, a husband might be called the one private luxury in a life of repellent publicity. If he is not all to her that her heart desires, she must remain inconsolably miserable or resort to the plan which Patti in her simple directness adopted. When Signor Nicolini, the tenor, appeared upon the scene of her life, she learned, though not at first, that he was more to her than her titled husband. Nicolini, who was already married, seems to have experienced the same feelings.

The long wooing and the eventful winning of the singer by Nicolini was the romance of Mme. Patti's life. At their first meetings the great diva felt nothing but aversion for her lover, at whose adiposity she was in the habit of laughing. But Nicolini, the fiery hearted, followed her over all Europe, from city to city, and finally was so fortunate as to secure the part of Romeo in Gounod's opera, wherein she sang Juliet. The fervency of Romeo's lovemaking won a name for the struggling tenor and established his position as a singer and later, it is presumed, as a lover.

While the marquis did not openly disapprove of all this, he must have had premonitions of approaching trouble. In time a coolness sprang up between the two men, and Nicolini was no longer invited to the nobleman's home. The last straw, however, came when Patti was singing in Moscow. One of Nicolini's letters fell into the hands of the marquis. As a result of this he suddenly demanded that "Romeo and Juliet" be eliminated from the list of plays. The operatic manager reluctantly assented to this, but adroitly coupled the names of the two singers in "Traviata."

The angry marquis would not allow his wife to appear on the evening of the performance. To turn him from his purpose it was promised that Nicolini should not appear if Patti were only allowed to sing.

The diva appeared, as did Nicolini, and a few weeks later the marquise and the marquis separated. It was not, however, until the French divorce law was established in 1884 that the two were able legally to be put asunder. Two years later Nicolini and Patti were formally married. A peculiar feature of this second marriage was the number of ceremonies confirming its legality. There were four marriage ceremonies in England, one in Russia, according to the Greek church, one in France and one in Italy.

For some time before and after this union Patti went down in the estimation of many of her admirers, notable among whom was Queen Victoria. But subsequent events regained for the generous hearted singer any prestige she had momentarily lost, and Nicolini's devotion to his wife became a tradition of the stage. He watched over her like a father, tended her, and anticipated her every wish. Sometimes he even went down in the kitchen of their hotel and prepared with his own hands those little dishes which he knew the diva liked when she was unwell. And when the tenor fell ill of cancer of the tongue it was Patti, the tender hearted, who watched over him till his death, giving up her engagements that she might be at his bedside.

But while Patti the woman was passing through all these trials Patti the singer was accomplishing conquest after conquest. As Violetta in "La Traviata," in Verdi's "Aida" and in "Martha" she has demonstrated her versatility to an admiring world, her repertory now including almost 100 operas. Her voice, it is said, has earned over $3,000,000.

Of late Mme. Patti, as is well known, has made Wales her home, living a delightful life in her castle of Craig-y-Nos, in the beautiful Swansea valley. The stories that are told of the life of the wealthy singer and her castle sound like a page taken from the "Arabian Nights." Half a million dollars has been spent in making Craig-y-Nos fit and comfortable for entertaining, and no mediæval palace ever extended hospitality of a more picturesque or idyllic character.

And now it is announced that the manor in the Swansea valley is to have a new master. Patti, the eternally girl hearted, is said again to have fallen in love, and her approaching marriage to Baron Cederstrom of Sweden is announced. To those who do not know the personality of the diva this will come as a surprise. But those who have seen how she has learned the secret of perpetual health and with it apparently that of eternal youth still look upon this chere chanteuse of two hemispheres as a young woman, for all her 66 summers, and although the fortunate Swedish baron is some 20 years younger than his charming fiancee, it is said that Patti is still the younger hearted of the two.

ARTHUR J. STRINGER.

The Mummer's Christmas.

The player plies his subtle art
In cloth of motley hue,
That you may know a merry heart
He leaves old Yule to you,
Leaves jolly Yule to you.

He dons the sock and buskin gay
And laughs and jests and sings,
His throat may choke a sob away,
Yet still the mirth must ring,
Right merrily must ring.

He sees the happy Yuletide fires
When you keep festal day;
From many gray and reverend spires
Hears Christmas chimes a-play,
Chimes not for him a-play.

A stranger! And the holly gleams
In windows bright with cheer.
He has no home; perhaps he dreams
The Yule of some lost year,
Sweet Yule of some dead year.

As tired players wait the call
This busy Christmas day
May some kind seraph's voice enthrall
With benedicite,
Noel, benedicite!

CAROLINE WETHERELL.

Great Shooting This.

The world's ten shot pistol record was broken in Philadelphia recently by C. H. Taylor of the Massachusetts Rifle association. Mr. Taylor made the limit score of 100. He placed ten consecutive shots in a 2½ inch bullseye at 52½ yards. The previous record, which has stood since 1858, was 99, by T. J. Darlington of Wilmington, Del.

'Tis Christmas once again. Here's wishing you a heart as light as a snowflake in a storm and a future as rosy as the sunset which comes afterward.

FLORENCE TOHONTA.

THE CURLING SEASON.

Knights of the "Besom and Stane" Are Busily Preparing For This Winter's Bonspiels.

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The curlers are beginning to wake up. Not that the players of this ancient Scotch winter sport preserve a dormant condition during the rest of the year, because being most of them Scotsmen they are very wide awake men as a rule at all times and seasons. But your true curler, though he may attend to business and vote and take his part in the affairs of the world, really only lives for the time which he can spend on the ice with his "brithers" armed with the "besom and stane." Then he is really awake, and life to him is worth the living.

There is probably no game which promotes comradeship and good feeling so thoroughly among its devotees as does curling. There is something about the game that brings out the good nature in every man present. The very motto of the curlers, "We're Brithers A'," is significant of this fact.

The greatest center of curling in this country is in the northwest states, where the Northwestern Curling association controls the sport. In the east the Grand National Curling Club of America, which includes most of the rinks situated in and around New York, is the most prominent center of the sport.

The greatest curling tournament of the year is the annual international bonspiel of the Northwestern Curling association, and it is attended by most of the prominent curlers in this country and Canada. The enthusiasm and effervescing good spirits which characterize these spiels are the wonder of every one not acquainted with the methods and actions of curlers.

Last season the tournament was held at St. Paul and was largely attended, representatives of some 60 rinks being present. Play began on Monday, Jan. 17, and the last stone was "pit doon" on the Monday following. There were 25 sheets of ice available, five in the covered rink and 20 on the frozen river, so that nearly every club could play at the same time.

Nine events were played off, and the prizes offered were quite valuable. Interest was keenest, however, in the competition for the Walker international trophy, which is accompanied by four gold medals, one for each member of the winning rink.

This trophy is played for annually by all of the Canadian rinks entered in the bonspiel and an equal number of American rinks selected by an executive of the Northwestern Curling association. Last season there were 12 rinks on each side. The Canadians were defeated, the aggregate score being 185 to 171. The winners then played down to one rink, which holds the trophy till the bonspiel this season, although it becomes the absolute property of a club winning it three times. Canada won it in 1894 and 1896, America in 1895 and 1898, but no club has yet succeeded in capturing it a second time. Duluth won the cup last season.

The stones used in the Northwestern bonspiel, as in almost all the Canadian and American clubs, are of imported Scotch granite. Most of them weigh from 40 to 50 pounds, and on the days when the ice is keen and smooth they speed over the frozen surface like shots from a cannon. It requires a strong arm to put sufficient speed into a 50 pound curling stone to carry it to the tee 42 yards distant, and a practiced hand to gauge the speed so as to place the stone in a spot that is guarded from attack by the next player or to displace one belonging to an opponent that occupies a winning position.

There are two tees, one at each end of the rink, and the players hurl first from one end and then the other. A hole, or "hack," is cut in the ice four yards back of each tee, into which the player puts his foot and braces himself for the effort. The stone is put down the ice much as a player bowling at tenpins, though all resemblance to that game here ceases, however, being more like billiards. The player is obliged to inwick or outwick—that is, carom—on other stones and give his own stone a curling motion, from which the game takes its name, just as in billiards a player puts "English," or, as the Britishers call it, "side," into his stroke.

A peculiar feature of curling and one which always lends much amusement to spectators is the effect of sweeping the ice in front of a slowly moving stone. When one is scarcely moving, two or three players at the call of the "skip," or captain of the side, will start frantically sweeping the ice in front of it and coax it sometimes a dozen feet into maybe a good position.

Curlers are dependent on the weather for good sport, although there are splendid covered rinks in many places with artificial ice, but they are never so good as outdoors.

In future bonspiels of the N. C. A. it is probable that the number of ends will be reduced to 12, where last season they were 16, so that the tournament may be finished within a week. At the last three bonspiels the contests exceeded that period, and in some instances players were obliged to return home before the finish and thus forego their chances in the finals. The forthcoming bonspiel of the Northwestern curlers will be held at Ishpeming, Wis., and great pains are being taken by the officials of the parent association and of the local rink to insure a successful meeting.

CHARLES E. EDWARDES.

Christmas, the day of days! the greatest holiday and the most sublime holy day!

NELLIE MELBA.

The Original of "Old Hoss."

It is not generally known that Old Hoss, the tramp in Evans and Hoey's farce comedy, "A Parlor Match," is a real man. Charles H. Hoyt met him in a little New England town one winter day, trudging along the main street in a linen duster and a ragged hat, but with an expression of such perfect content that the playwright called to him to stop. Hoyt asked his name. "Old Hoss," was the reply, as the tramp moved on.

"Where are you going?" asked Hoyt.

"To Denver."

"Tonight?"

"As far as I can walk tonight."

"Are you cold?"

"No, I am never cold."

"How do you manage to keep warm?"

"By never opening my mouth to ask questions, so the cold never gets a chance to get into me."

"You are a character."

"No, sir; I do not use it in my business. No one would believe it genuine if I had one."

"Do you want to earn a dollar?"

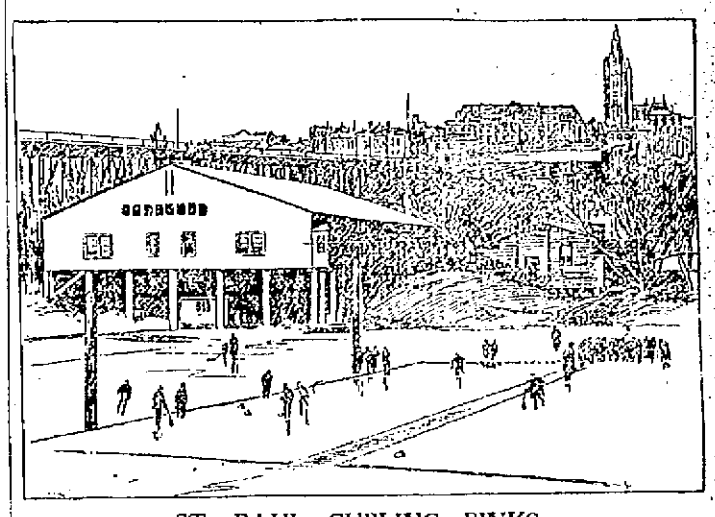
"What doing?"

"Sitting still in a warm room, with a square meal, a quart of beer and plenty of cigars, while I take a good solid look at you."

"I'll take that job, and work overtime if you like."

Hoyt and Old Hoss struck the bargain.

The warm room in a neighboring hotel was soon found, the square meal, the beer and the cigars furnished, and while Old Hoss enjoyed himself Mr. Hoyt sat on the opposite side of the table and rapidly wrote the character of Old Hoss into the first act of "A Parlor Match," making it fit in with that skill that distinguishes all his work. When he had finished the act, he was so pleased with it that he gave Old Hoss a $5 bill and sent him on his way feeling like a Vanderbilt. Every year or so Old Hoss turns up in New York and waits on Mr. Hoyt to know whether he has any more such "snaps" for him, but he does not get them.



ST. PAUL CURLING RINKS.

The singer and Christians are alike in so far as both have gilded life with its most beautiful illusions. May the drop curtain of reality never shut either of them out from our workaday world!

JOHANNA GADSKI.

Sculling Race Arranged.

The backers of the Lynch brothers of Halifax decided to accept the challenge of Bubear and Barry, the English champions, for a double scull race for $2,500, the race to take place the last week in July at Halifax. The Lynches will allow the Englishmen $250 for expenses.

BITS OF STAGE NEWS.

John T. Sullivan, the leading man of "The White Heather" company, made his first appearance with the late Lawrence Barrett in "Rosedale" at the Detroit Opera House in 1880. Since that time he has been connected with the best dramatic organizations in America, but in "The White Heather" he has for the first time in his life been cast for the role of villain.

Sir Henry Irving possesses one of the finest collections of relics of former stars of the stage, the following being among his greatest treasures: A ring worn by David Garrick, a letter from Mrs. Siddons, a bust of Kemble, the last portrait of Charles Mathews and the silk purse which was found empty in Kean's pocket at his death.

A peculiar coincidence occurred in the life of Stuart Robson and one of his principal supports in the person of Theodore Hamilton. They are both natives of Baltimore and were born the same day and hour. They have been lifelong friends and companions.

It is said Lottie Collins' recent attempt at suicide resulted from grief over the condition of her 8-year-old son, who was born blind and has now become deaf.

The Baldwin theater, which was burned in San Francisco, at one time contained a stock company including James O'Neil, Rose Coghlan, Louis James, Edward J. Buckley, Jeffreys Lewis, James A. Herne, Lewis Morrison, Charles Bishop, Frank Mackay, Kate Mayhew, M. B. Curtis and Mrs. Farren, with David Belasco as stage director.

The Americans are holding their own and a little more in Berlin. A recent programme of the Winter Garden in that city contains the names of Saharet, Madeline Kilpatrick and W. H. Barber, Alburtus and Bartram, Amelia Stone and the De Forests. The American biograph is the closing feature.

John Drew has a new play written for him by Jerome K. Jerome, but he will not produce it this season.

The emperor of Germany has ordered Leoncavallo, the author of "Pagliacci," to write an opera on the legends of Roland.

"A Romance of Athlone" is the title of Chauncey Olcott's new play.

Lillian Russell is considering the matter of a London appearance in "Giroflé-Girofla."

The manager of an up town New York theater has put into practice a rule forbidding any encores.

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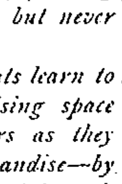

A merry Christmas to all.

Haverhill Gazette—Editor Harrington of the Lowell Sun presents his compliments to his esteemed contemporaries, coupled with a cordial invitation to follow their leader in the future.

It is reported that a peculiar case of the exercise of a certain brand of patriotism occurred on election day at Newburyport. The gentleman who was turned down by the patriots was Alderman Healey of that city. It is no discredit whatever to be a victim of such unjust discrimination.

A senatorial commission is proposed for the purpose of visiting Cuba and reporting upon a plan of government. Why not appoint the New York Journal's commission that gave expert testimony on the condition of the reconcentrados and the necessity of war to save humanity from being starved to death and being eaten up by vultures.

It is somewhat surprising that Mayor Bennett at the present juncture should recommend the discharge of Assistant Superintendent Beals. The mayor has been aware of the ground for the charges he now makes, before election day, but he made no complaint. Why has the complaint come so quickly after election? Is it because Beals is accused of indifference towards His Honor's election?

The republicans are already booming Senator Putnam as the next candidate for the mayoralty. Whether Senator Putnam would be a stronger candidate than Mayor Bennett has been this year depends largely on the success of the next administration, and we predict now that it will so meet the approval of the citizens in general that the republicans can put up no candidate for mayor who will have any chance of election.

Now that Lowell is to be a dry town the question of license in Dracut is one of much importance. The new villa of Kenwood down the river would like to establish its independence and have a license of its own as a half way centre between Lowell and Lawrence. There may be new developments on this qustion in the near future, as the mayor of Kenwood, Mr. Pilotte, is considering an appeal to the legislature.

TESTIMONY OF GENERAL MILES.

The testimony of General Miles before the War Investigating Commission sheds a lurid light upon the mismanagement of Secretary Alger and the officials of his appointment. In the first place General Miles showed that his orders as head of the army were ignored by General Shafter, who was one of Alger's favorites, a subordinate in the line of military service. Miles forbade Shafter to allow his men to mingle with the Cubans or the Spaniards or to occupy houses that had been vacated by the natives. This order was entirey ignored and as a consequence the rations intended for the army were consumed by Cuban refugees, while large numbers of the American soldiers contracted various diseases from contact with these refugees. In reference to the army supplies General Miles spoke in the plainest terms. He stated that his orders not to send rations to Porto Rico had been disregarded, and that while he could purchase beef in Porto Rico at six cents per pound the canned beef sent in bulk was unfit for use after delivery in Porto Rico. He stated that the preserved beef gave off an order resembling that of dead bodies after embalming and he believes that a large portion of the sickness of the troops was due to the chemical with which the meat had been preserved or "embalmed," and this, he says, the soldiers were obliged to eat to escape starvation. This statement coming from General Miles cannot be contradicted, and it is proof sufficient of the gross negligence and the utter incompetence which characterized the management of the War Department. It will be difficult after such a revelation coming from the highest authority in the army itself to exonerate Secretary Alger or his protege General Shafter.

THE FRENCH DREYFUS-MAD.

The French people seem to be Dreyfus-mad in making such fools of themselves over that consdracy of army officers to injure one of their number because he happened to be of Jewish descent. They seem to think that if Germany should come into possession of the knowledge of their forts and coast defences the republic would be overthrown. As a matter of fact such knowledge would be of little use to Germany or any other nation in case of war if the French people were ready to defend themselves as a nation or as free men should. At the present time the nation is so utterly excited over the matter that a revolution may result.

THE PEACE TREATY.

It is now stated on all sides that the peace treaty will be ratified without any serious opposition. Colonel Bryan's attitude on the question has disarmed the opposition on the democratic side. He believes that the treaty should be ratified and that the opposition should be directed to any future step towards making the Philippines a colony or a vassal state, or even towards annexing them as a state of the union. His proposition is that the Philippines should be treated exactly like Cuba, that a stable government should be established and that as soon as the Filipinos are capable of self-government they should be allowed to establish a republic and work out their own destiny.

The general opinion among those who frequent barrooms is that the police commission is making itself too busy in interfering with the management of the saloons. Those who patronize the rum shops during the year think that they are entitled to a free drink around Christmas time and that the commission has no right to restrict the generosity of the dealers. They would not be blamed so much for this step if it had not been preceded by a rule forbidding the use of large schooners.

A citizen has offered to raise ten thousand dollars for the soldier's monument in case the city should purchase the triangular area on which Burbank's restaurant is located. If the city had plenty of money to spend, it might purchase this tract of land for a public square; but at the present time there is no prospect whatever that the city for ten years to come will be in a position to do any thing so liberal.

The Woonsocket Call is to be congratulated on having secured the services of such an able editor as Thomas Hamilton Murray, formerly of the Lawrence Sun. Mr. Murray is one of the brightest newspaper men in New England and under his direction the Call may be expected in a short time to be the leading paper in Woonsocket and the peer of any in Rhode Island.

The sentence of Engineer Getchell to two years imprisonment for criminal negligence in the Dedham railroad accident will be a salutary lesson for other engineers. They are entrusted with the lives of the people, and if they show the slightest carelessness they are utterly unfit for the position they hold. Hence when it is found that an official in such a responsible position is guilty of criminal negligence it is for the best interests of the public that he should be severely punished. If every railroad official did his full duty there would be fewer accidents attended with loss of life.

A few girls of a New Hampshire academy have been detected smoking cigarettes. Thus some of the gentler sex catch on to the habits of their male companions. The cigarette habit is as bad as the grip.

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CURRENT EVENTS

A TWICE PLAYED GAME.

Remarkable Coincidence or Something Else In a Game of Chess.

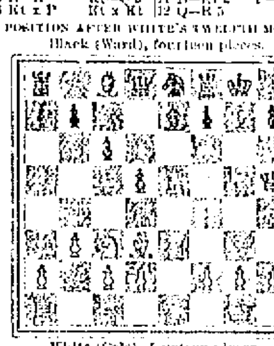
A chess enthusiast, signing himself Chessman, writes to the New York Sun as follows:

Allow me to draw attention to the following extraordinary occurrence: About four or five years ago Le Monde Illustre of Paris arranged an international chess tournament in which all the games had to be contested by correspondence. The players were divided into sections, and Janowski, at that time not very well known in European chess circles, was pitted against a certain Hungarian amateur of the name of Meyer of Temesvar, Hungary. Their game happened to turn out such a gem of brilliancy that all the leading European chess periodicals reprinted the game from Le Monde Illustre, in which the account at first appeared. Wochenschach, La Nuova Revista Degli Schacchi, La Strategie and other publications were among the number printing the game with copious notes and diagrams. In its issue of Nov. 20 of this year Wochenschach prints the game again, stating that it was recently played at the City of London Chess club between H. H. Cole and W. Ward. Here are the moves:

RUY LOPEZ.

H. H. COLE. White.	W. WARD. Black.	H. H. COLE. White.	W. WARD. Black.
1 P—K 4	P—K 4	7 R x Kt ch	K—K 2
2 Kt—K B 3	Kt—Q B 3	8 B—Q 3	Castles
3 B—Kt 5	Kt—B 3	9 Kt—Q B 3	Kt—K
4 Castles	Kt x P	10 P—Q Kt 3	P—Q B 3
5 R—K	Kt—Q 3	11 B—Kt 2	P—Q 4
6 Kt x P	Kt x Kt	12 Q—R 5	

POSITION AFTER WHITE'S TWELFTH MOVE.
Black (Ward), fourteen pieces.



White (Cole), fourteen pieces.

12	P—K Kt 3	15 R x R P ch	K—Kt 3
13 Kt x P	P x Q	16 Kt—B 4, mate.	
14 B x R P ch	K x B		

To make a long story short, it is sufficient to say that this game, with all its moves from beginning to end, is the game contested between Janowski and Meyer four or five years ago, and that Janowski detected the Cole-Ward game in Wochenschach when looking through that paper at the Manhattan Chess club the other day. Cole is a well known London amateur of the first class. Ward is also known as a player of strength and good repute. It is difficult to explain it. Either Cole arranged with Ward to play the game with him, in which case Ward deliberately submitted to defeat in order to enhance his friend's reputation or each played from unconscious memory. In the latter case it will prove to be an instance of plagiarism of that sort which casts all previous well known cases utterly in the shade.

PARIS BY THE SEA.

An Interesting Scheme For the Exhibition of 1900.

Among the many novelties under consideration for the coming exhibition in Paris in 1900 perhaps the following is the most daring: It is suggested by an ex-pupil of the Ecole Polytechnique to create a sea bathing establishment on the site of the Champ d'Entrainement, at Longchamps, in the Bois de Bologne. The primal necessity for successful sea bathing is the sea, and Paris is not on the seashore. It is suggested, however, that it is by no means impossible to convey the sea (or some of it) to Paris and by the following means:

Machinery of great power is to draw water from the channel, between five and six miles above Dieppe, and to draw the sea water through pipage of about 120 miles in length to Longchamps. There an immense open air bath, a sort of microscopic inland sea, is to be hollowed out to receive the water, and the shores of this little sea are to be banked and covered with fine sand, so as to give the illusion of the real article. A casino will also be constructed near this novel watering place, and the inventors of the scheme expect a large income from the petits chevaux, which, as in the larger seaside resorts, would form a most profitable source of revenue and a popular form of amusement.

It is proposed to make a charge for bathing of 50 centimes on Sundays and fete days, while the aristocracy will be enabled to bathe free from plebeian contamination on two days a week at a charge of five francs. By means of a system, which the inventor has not explained to the public, but of the success of which he declares himself assured, it will be possible not only to secure a regular ebb and flow of the sea water, but even to provoke at will little storms upon this little sea, by means of which little shipwrecks will be produced in a most lifelike fashion. The whole capital is said to be already underwritten, and all that is necessary now is the consent of the municipal council and of the town of Paris to the project.—Chicago Chronicle.

Allows Cubans to Close Shops Sundays

General Wood has granted the petition of several Spanish merchants for permission to close their stores on Sunday, they having been compelled to keep open seven days in the week under the Spanish law. He has also issued an order directing the closing of the saloons on the Sabbath, and there is not likely to be a "Sunday closing" question in Santiago so long as that city shall be under military rule.—Chicago Tribune.

Great Ceremonies Over a Hair.

A hair of the beard of the prophet Mohammed has been presented to the Constantinople poorhouse by a lady of that city. A great procession of state officials and military accompanied the relic when the transfer was made.

ANTIBREAKFAST FAD.

Elgin, Ills., Converted to the New Gospel of Health.

HAS GAINED A SOLID FOOTHOLD.

Morning Meal Is Eliminated In the Households of a Good Many Prominent Citizens—Philosophy of the Fast—Effect on Some of the Enthusiasts—The Simple Treatment.

As a result of a little missionary work in Elgin, Ills., for a few weeks a good many citizens have "thrown physic to the dogs," and, it might be said, their breakfasts, too, for they have abandoned the morning meal and will have none of it. In other words, they have acted upon Dr. Edward Hooker Dewey's advice and are giving their stomachs a rest.

A few months ago, about the time the "antibreakfast" missionary appeared in Elgin, a Chicago newspaper contained a paragraph about a new fad that had taken possession of many people in the east. Whether it is a fad or not it has come to stay in Elgin, and the results are said to be already apparent in the improved feeling and appearance of those who have adopted the "true science of living," and those who have tried it longest speak most highly in its praise.

"Go without your breakfast and quit between meal nibbling. Drink when thirsty and eat whatever your appetite craves." These in brief are the injunctions laid down by Dr. Dewey and which he has given for a score of years. There is no medicine whatever connected with the treatment.

Among the enthusiasts in Elgin are members of the clergy and others in professional life. They include the Rev. C. H. Rogers, pastor of the First Universalist church; the Rev. H. Slade, former pastor of that church; Superintendent George Hunter of the Elgin National Watch company, and Miss Cecil Harvey, librarian of the Gail Borden public library. Mr. Rogers is convinced that he is cured of a chronic complaint from which he had almost despaired of securing relief. Mr. Slade, with his 80 years, is as spry as a cricket, and has prepared a sermon to deliver on "The New Gospel." Mr. Hunter, who had been very little at his office in the watch factory, is now found there every day, while Assistant Superintendent W. H. Cloudman, who sees the excellent results in his chief, is tapering off to a light breakfast and hopes soon to have sufficient fortitude to abandon forever the "habit" of partaking of the morning meal.

Miss Harvey became converted on reading Dr. Dewey's book and purchased copies for the library. These have done much to point to the error of old ways. Nearly every one who has read it has since worried along on two meals a day and feels the better for it. There is talk of organizing an antibreakfast club in Elgin. A majority of the people to whom the two meal plan is breached admit that they eat too much, but at first they think it would be better to abstain from supper.

The foundation on which rests the argument of the antibreakfast advocates is that restful sleep is not a hunger creating process; that breakfasting is a mere habit; that eating when food is not required is a positive injury, giving the stomach too much to do; that the rest afforded by abstaining from food from supper time till dinner time gives a chance for the accumulation of gastric juices, which at once takes hold of the dinner in the process of digestion. It has been shown by experiments that this way of living is alike suitable to the person of indoor habits and to the farmer, laborer and craftsman of every line. Dr. Pentecost, the eminent London preacher, after suffering from sick headache for 40 years, became a convert to "the new gospel of health" and has been cured of his distressing malady. Dr. Dewey, who experimented for a score of years and finally adopted the theory in his practice, actually puts patients on a starvation diet until they get an appetite, the time varying from a few days to as many weeks.

It is a fact that the antibreakfast idea has gained a solid foothold in Elgin. Fleshy persons are getting down to a more comfortable size, and the lean are seeing themselves transformed. The ruddy hue of health is taking the place of the pinched and sallow features of the dyspeptic. Dinner finds the antibreakfast disciple of mature years with an appetite such as he had not known since childhood, while the children who are practicing the so called starvation fad say that they get along better at school and learn their lessons with more ease than they did formerly. The trial of the plan costs only a bit of self denial and a few days' practice suffices to banish the desire for the early meal. —Chicago Record.

Cuba's Population One Million.

Calixto Lopez, the head of one of the largest houses in Havana and having important interests in the island, said to me the other day that he thought there were 2,000,000 persons in the island before the war began. He estimates that 800,000 have been killed or have died from starvation, neglect or other unusual causes. This would leave 1,200,000 persons on the island. I have had other estimates from not so reliable sources to the effect that there are now about 1,000,000 persons on the island. —Chicago Record.

Keeps Visitors Out of Friedrichsruh.

Prince Herbert Bismarck recently issued orders that strangers shall no longer be admitted to Friedrichsruh or to Sachsenwald, which have been heretofore so much used as picnic grounds by the people of Hamburg.

LINKS OF HISTORIC CHAIN.

Ex-Mayor Hewitt Buys Part of Barrier That Held Back the British.

Ex-Mayor Abram S. Hewitt of New York recently bought 18 links of the historic chain that was stretched across the Hudson river from West Point to Constitution island in 1778. Each link weighs 300 pounds and is 3 feet 9 inches

ABRAM S. HEWITT.

long. Mr. Hewitt will display the links on the lawn of his country seat, near Greenwood Lake, N. J.

Cooper, Hewitt & Co. own the iron mine near the Sterling mines, which produced the ore that went into the chain. The forge where the chain was made is at Tuxedo. The chain never was passed by the British. Mr. Hewitt bought the links from a Front street curiosity dealer in New York after negotiations extending four years.—Special Philadelphia Press.

CARROLL ON PORTO RICO.

The Commissioner's Views on Their Ability to Govern Themselves.

Dr. H. K. Carroll, who was sent to Porto Rico by President McKinley to ascertain the condition of internal affairs there, delivered a lecture recently at Plainfield, N. J., in which he spoke particularly of the ability of the Porto Ricans to govern themselves.

He says he has no direct knowledge of the condition of the Filipinos, but that the inference made in the report of the Hawaiian commission that the Porto Ricans are incapable of self government after the United States has established a suitable form of government, is incorrect, and, he considers, a presumptuous view of the Hawaiian commission to take, especially in view of the fact that they have presumably no knowledge of the Porto Ricans.

The commissioner to Porto Rico considers the natives quite as capable in every particular to govern themselves as the inhabitants of Hawaii. He says that the Porto Ricans are not savages nor barbarons, as some people think. He confessed that there is much illiteracy in the island, but says he believes that by the adoption of the customs and institutions of the United States the island would soon overcome that difficulty and that eventually the Porto Ricans would evidence a capacity to govern themselves equal to that of either the Cubans or the Hawaiians. The aspirations of the Porto Ricans, he declares, are indicative of their reaching a useful and creditable state of citizenship. They are anxious for the introduction of American customs and institutions, as well as the adoption of the English language in place of the Spanish as their tongue. They are different from the Cubans, he says, in that they are a peace loving people. The fact that there is practically no system of registry in the island and that estates and properties are handed down by common consent from generation to generation without litigation is evidence of their peaceable character and their recognition of right over wrong.—New York Sun.

WONDERFUL TIMEPIECE.

Calendar For the Next One Hundred Years Regulates Its Movements.

Our Brussels correspondent says: A truly wonderful timepiece is now on view in Brussels. The inventor, M. Noll, hailing from the Black Forest, spent five years in its construction and has beaten all previous records in clockmaking. This structure, which stands 15 feet high, reproduces the facade of a building of the early renaissance period. The clock, in addition to its ordinary functions, marks the four seasons as well as the chief church festivals, fixed and movable, all of which are heralded in to the minute by automaton figures, choral services, church music or the song of birds, according to the season.

A feature of the mechanism is the hourly procession of the apostles before the figure of Christ and the morning and evening chant of monks, who are summoned from the cloister by the monastery bell, tolled by the sexton in view of the public. A representative of the earth's course round the sun and of the moon round the earth furnishes an object lesson in the seasons, eclipses and other celestial phenomena. The clock will be exhibited at Paris in 1900 and will be probably offered for sale, being valued at $15,000. Its movements are regulated by the calendar for the next 100 years.—London Chronicle.

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The Middy and the Savage Maid

A REAL LIFE ROMANCE OF FAR AWAY SAMOA

By Llewella Pierce Churchill, Wife of Our Ex-Consul General to Samoa.

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MR. PALFREY, royal navy, was so close to the finish of his days as a midshipman that he almost knew how it would feel when he became a sublieutenant. There was only a trifle in the way of an examination, and that he felt confident of passing when his ship returned to the headquarters of the fleet at Sydney. Being then so considerable a personage, young Mr. Palfrey felt himself entitled to a plunge into romance when his ship came to Samoa and lay at anchor in Apia harbor. He fell violently in love with his surroundings. But when one is a midshipman on the very edge of a sublieutenancy it is not enough to be in love with the surroundings. Something more personal is needed.

The town of Vaiala never made a better financial investment than when it appointed Sueina to be the official "maid of the village." If the straggling fringe of shops and houses which make up the town of Apia could be deemed capable of having suburbs, then Vaiala would be the eastern suburb of Apia. On steamer days curious tourists were attracted that way by the presence of certain of the official residences, also by the fact that it lay in the breeze and was almost comfortable when Apia was like an oven. The Samoans look on steamer days as their monthly markets and the passing tourists as a source of income. Therefore it was held a fine thing for Vaiala that it had a village maiden who could speak English, by no means a common accomplishment among the islanders. When the tourists came to Vaiala in large and small parties, Sueina was there to show them around the village, to take them about where there were curiosities and trinkets for sale at exorbitant rates and to make sure in general that as much of their money was left behind in the native community as could be wheedled out of their pockets on one score or another.

When there were no mail steamers with curious passengers there remained the naval vessels of the great powers. The officers, when they were first assigned to the duty, and when all was fresh and new to them, were eager for exhibitions of the dancing girls, and in all Samoa there was none so expert as Sueina at the "siva," or native dance. Her village could find no fault with her attractiveness so long as she continued to attract rich presents and money, which, after all, is the main thing in these savage communities. For six years she had been "maid of the village." That meant that she stood as high as the chief; that a woman, old Tofi, was assigned to be her governess, or duenna, to attend her wherever she went; that a train of the young girls of the town was at her service; that on occasions of ceremony she would play the leading part in the dancing and in the processions.

Already she had led the troops of Vaiala to victory and had marched before them into battle brandishing an ax. In these years she might have had any unmarried chief in all Samoa, and many had come wooing the elders of Vaiala for the handsome maid. But for years Vaiala had rejected all offers. The elders in their council meetings recognized the fact that Sueina unmarried attracted young chiefs as the flower of the breadfruit attracts flies to its cloying sweetness. Every chief who came a-courting brought presents, ever richer and richer as the word spread that Sueina was held at a higher figure.

This was the embodiment of all the south sea charm to the eager fancy of young Mr. Palfrey of the royal navy. He saw her first at a dance which she conducted in her own town of Vaiala, by no means a spontaneous performance, as the officers' mess discovered when stock was taken of the actual money as well as other benevolences which the entertainment had cost them.

This was but the first of many meetings. The young officer devoted all his time to the maiden when he was at liberty to leave the duties which pertain to such young officers aboard British men-of-war. He must have performed those duties ill, for it was manifest that he had no thought aside from his rapture over the glorious creature with the coffee complexion whom he recognized he loved to madness. His brother officers chaffed him. He was made the butt of such jests as always find prompt currency in the wardroom of any cruiser. But none of these things produced any impression on the middy.

When he had spare time, he courted the girl. If he had but been familiar with the customs of the country, he would have wooed the old men of the village, who have the final settlement of the love affairs of the official maid. Sueina sat and listened to all this love-making and turned it to the advantage of her town, as she was bound to do. The town, however, was considering matters of a graver importance than the British middy and his love affairs. Possibly, if the elders of the town had known that he was the owner of broad English acres and plenty of money and was the heir to some sort of lordship, they might have counted him in as a factor in the matrimonial problem of the village maid, which was just where he wanted to be counted.

Some one had carried Sueina's glory to Tonga, the next island kingdom away to the southward of Samoa. It had been told the Tongans that of all the maids of Samoa Sueina was the handsomest and the best at the dance. A wandering Tongan of high rank came to Vaiala and saw her in the guest-house. Then some breeze from the south brought to Vaiala the word that young King George of Tonga had asked his councilors, in view of the fact that there was no girl in Tonga sufficiently high in rank to mate with him, if it would not be well that he marry the Samoan beauty. Mr. Palfrey might have taken the high ground that a British middy is as high as a south sea potentate on his throne; still it is perhaps just as well that he was ignorant that he had a royal rival, or at least that the elders of Vaiala were inclined to believe that King George had matrimonial intentions.

There was yet another element in the problem. Sueina had a suitor who would not be denied—a Samoan chief of birth fully as high as her own—Tufele, the chief of Manu'a. He was making his courting visit in due and ancient form. His boats dashed up to the beach with shouts of lofty titles. His presents, when displayed on the town green, showed that rumor had not falsified his wealth. It was understood that if Tufele were to marry the famous maid he would be made king of Manu'a. His wife would be cherished as a thing sacred. No work would fall to her lot such as filled the days for the wives of other chiefs. She would be surrounded by her women, not one of whom might venture to address her save in answer to a question. When she was carried abroad, for she might not set foot on common ground, the highest chiefs would bow before her path and shout her names and titles.

So much for Manu'a, a distant island speck, where she would not see a naval officer for years together. In Tonga it would be different. She knew all about that, for her own sister had married the father of King George. She would live in a house such as white men build. She would have clothes such as white women wear. Her pockets would be filled with money. She would wear a crown on her head and be such a queen as the English Victoria, whose picture she had often seen. About this Britannia where the young naval officer wanted her to go and live she supposed it must be something like Apia, where there were Samoan women who had married white men. They had to wear shoes which must be uncomfortable, and they wore clothes all over and hats, but they had all the corned beef and soda crackers they could eat. When her middy told her that London was a great deal bigger than Apia, she got the idea that there must be more corned beef and soda crackers there, for her ideas of luxurious living were limited to imagining a state of life in which one had an unfailing supply of these two luxuries, with canned salmon for a change.

As matters stood there was quite a problem—we'll not say in love, but in matrimony—which was to be settled in Vaiala. There was young Mr. Palfrey making love to Sueina, when, if he had made his suit to a set of toothless old men, he might have been considered. Then there was Tufele making love to those important elders and not paying any attention to Sueina until it had been agreed that he was to marry her. Then there were these selfsame elders who had a hope that King George of Tonga would propose for Sueina and accompany his proposal with gifts on a scale befitting his kingdom. There were two other elements which no one stopped to consider, yet each was employed in its appropriate climax to undo all that had up to those times been carefully done. These two elements will be found doing business when the story reaches the place for them in turn.

Considering that Tufele was not such a mighty king as his Tongan majesty and that he had only a small group of three islets to draw from, he showed a most becoming appreciation of the proper considerations which should govern a suitor for a lady of such high rank. When the Vaiala elders discovered what he was prepared to do, both in the way of presents and in return for the dowry of the young lady, the elders accepted his most magnificent proposals. Then came the long discussion of the amount of the dowry. Two factors were at work in opposite directions. On the one hand the suitor and the town were eager to swell the number of fine mats which are a maiden's portion in order that they might gain all the greater glory for such a rich wedding. On the other hand the town was loath to give up a single mat more than it could help, for these finely woven articles are the sole evidence of Samoan wealth, and Tufele was equally loath to receive them, inasmuch as he would have to make a return present equal to their value. These were details all within the settlement of the elders, and the women were not present at the meeting.

Still, no objection was made to allowing the old woman Toli to act as an eavesdropper, and Sueina was as interested as any savage maid can be as her governess brought in successive reports of the dowry. It passed the 100 mark and soon the 200 mark, as the heads of the different families declared the number of mats which they were ready to contribute. Even up to the great figure of 250 the count jumped rapidly by five and ten at a time.

These mats are not to be made in less than two years' patient weaving by hand. Consequently it is with reason that they are held at a high value. Then, one at a time, more mats were added to the dowry, which had already passed the highest mark known in Samoan matrimonial history. The town was apparently about to bankrupt itself in establishing a new record. The glory of being the bride in such a wedding as this filled Sueina's heart. She could hardly wait for Toli to bring her the news from the place of meeting.

Her sailor lover chanced to be with her. He was interested in the session of the village elders, but he was surprised that Sueina could not better explain the topic being debated. At last the particulars were all settled, the dowry was agreed upon, the return presents were included in the bargain, and Tufele was a successful wooer.

But Tufele and the elders had relied too implicitly on the custom of their country. They had not made love to Sueina, and the young sailor had not made love to them. Each was ignorant of the customs of the other. Sailor love and British custom won. Sueina was flattered at the prospect of being a party to a wedding so extravagantly gorgeous as the one which had been settled for her, but it did not attract her as powerfully as the things which she had been hearing from her midshipman. It may have been love. It may have been a wish to live in London, with its unfailing supplies of soda crackers and canned corned beef.

At any rate, Sueina ran away from Vaiala that night, the only way in her power to escape marriage with Tufele. She gave up her high official position and all her chances in life, and she gave them up because Midshipman Palfrey had been making love to her. That is the first of the two elements which were announced as being about to undo all the work of the matchmakers. Sueina refused to marry Tufele and ran away.

The midshipman's attentions to the maid of the village had not been permitted to pass without notice. So long as she was the maid of the village it was all right, but just as soon as she resigned her official station this love-making became all wrong. The commander of this particular cruiser of the royal navy which employed the talents of that very junior officer, Mr. Palfrey, suddenly recognized that as his midshipman was heir to a title he himself might be called to an inconvenient accounting if a fine brown strain of Samoan blood were to be mixed with the English nobility. As soon as the captain learned that Sueina had run away he decided on practically the same course himself. That day the man-of-war steamed out of Apia harbor, and Mr. Palfrey had no opportunity to have an explanation with Sueina. The captain then proved himself the final element which overturned the last of the plans of lovers and matchmakers in this case.

Of all the characters in this small episode of recent history the only uncertainty is as to King George of Tonga. The midshipman sailed away into a colder climate and undoubtedly recovered. Tufele had his gorgeously extravagant wedding without a hitch, for he did not mind such a trifle as shifting brides and was just as happy with the new maid whom the elders of Vaiala hastily chose to fill Sueina's place.

The elders were satisfied and for the same reason. Sueina lost by her transaction in the affections, but it is much more likely that it was ambition to marry a white man than that it was the stirring of the heart. As to the Tongan monarch, it must remain forever in uncertainty just whether he was thinking of marrying or not. He still remains without a queen.

Fighting Against Cowardice.

After reading of the brilliant exploits of the gallant troops at Omdurman one may be pardoned for doubting the existence of cowards in the British army.

Unfortunately, however, every now and then amid the din and crash of battle a recruit is seized with a fit of cowardice, which he boldly fights against. The attack is oftentimes quite inexplicable and nearly always momentary.

The majority of men are brave by instinct, especially when in the thick of a fight. There are, of course, exceptions to the rule, but generally the feeling that the soldier is not a separate unit, but a cog in a vast fighting machine tends to make even the most timorous stand shoulder to shoulder with his comrades.

Then the fear of being thought afraid steels the nerves of many a failing soldier, and there is no doubt that the dread of the contempt and indignation of his fellows is a most powerful stimulant.

Very rarely indeed does a British soldier allow fear to overcome his sense of duty, but some old veteran will occasionally admit that he has known perhaps one such instance, and in reply to the question, "How is it we never read of such cases?" he will answer: "One dead man is a small loss to a regiment. Besides, one man running off may cause another to follow him, and a panic may thus set in. Before any one has time to think about it or issue an order, depend upon it, one of his comrades, for the honor of the regiment, puts a bullet through him."

Sir Charles Napier had an effective method of dealing with cowards. On one occasion a flying soldier was stopped by his fellows, who were about to shoot him, when the general intervened.

"Give the man another chance," he ordered. "Place him in the front rank, and if he turns again let him be shot."

The man eagerly embraced this chance for life, overcame his fears and fought bravely for the rest of the day. Bravery is sometimes largely due to mere lack of sensibility.

"There goes the bravest man in the army," said the old Kaiser Wilhelm on the battlefield of Sadowa as a pale young officer cheered his men on to the charge. "He is terribly afraid of being shot, and he knows it, but he loves his duty and country more than his personal safety, and that is what makes him lead his men on so gallantly."

Insulating the Mind.

There is a story told of a traveler in the tropical forest who, thinking to drink water from some tree or vine, tapped instead, unwittingly, a rubber bearing plant. Mixing a little rum with the liquid, he quenched his thirst, only to die a few hours later with rubber bands clogging every turn of his intestines. The insulated victim of this traveler's tale finds his counterpart in actual life in a New Jersey man who went around lately with a battle of rubber pellets, which he ate to prevent another man from hypnotizing him with electricity. His idea was, he said, that he would thus "insulate his mind" successfully, just as the tropical tourist quenched his thirst, but such experiments prove disastrous and have to be stopped whether the victim takes the rubber solid or liquid.

Aluminium's First Discoverer.

The first discoverer of aluminium had the reward of his genius. Pliny tells us that in the reign of Tiberius (41 B. C. to 37 A. D.) a worker in metals presented a beautiful metal cup resembling silver, but lighter, to the emperor, who questioned him and learned that he extracted the new metal from clay. The secret, he said, was known but to himself and the gods. The sage Tiberius, reflecting that if this metal could be made of earth it would lower the price of silver and gold, decapitated the artificer in order that his secret might remain with the gods and so deprived the world of a most useful metal for 18 centuries.

SUEINA, THE SAVAGE MAID

SUEINA'S LADIES IN WAITING

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TUFELE, THE SAVAGE SUITOR.

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America uses 10,000,000,000 eggs annually.

Bright red spectacles, accompanied by internal doses of calomel, are the latest German specific for seasickness. The theory is that seasickness is due to lack of blood in the brain, while the influence of the red color of the glasses sends blood to the brain with a rush.

According to a report of the London board of trade on the cost of strikes in Great Britain in 1897, just issued, the labor difficulties in the year named involved an aggregate loss of 10,000,000 working days, 230,000 persons being thrown out of employment.

There are at least 10,000,000 nerve fibers in the human body.

Four immense five story brick flats in New York have been moved 105 feet to make way for a bridge, the operation requiring 21 days. There were 225 jackscrews under the buildings, and at each signal, they were shifted three-sixteenths of an inch. The contractor received $10,000 for the work, which was entirely successful.

By order of the Berlin Barbers, Hairdressers and Wigmakers' union apprentices are forbidden to wear their hair cut short, because the practice is unprofessional. The union decided that "the apprentice's hair should be tastefully and carefully dressed in order to act as inspiration for the business and for customers."

Underground London contains 34,000 miles of telegraph wires, 2,603 miles of sewers, 4,320 miles of water mains and 3,290 miles of gas pipe, all definitely fixed.

Indiana now ranks second as a state in which fruits and vegetables are packed, Maryland being first, Indiana second and New Jersey third. Indiana now manufactures 25 per cent of the canned goods manufactured in this country.

Great Britain leads in sugar consumption.

Truffles will soon be cultivated on scientific principles and are likely to become cheaper. M. Chatin, who discovered that the truffle is a mushroom, has announced to the Academie des Sciences at Paris that the Duc de Lesparre, brother of the Duc de Gramont, has found out how it germinates and on what leaves its spores will become fruitful.

Uncle Sam is first in tobacco consumption.

Austria-Hungary has floating expositions.

A Woman's World.

DAISY MAY AND THE HOLIDAYS.

A Round of Gayety Breezily Described — Various Subjects of Interest to the Gentler Sex.

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Bob, of course, is home for the holidays, and the house is cheery, with evergreen and holly berries, and there's a nice sort of holiday feeling in the air. Bob and Jack spend most of their time playing poker, and Bob tells me Jack loses his "pile" every day without complaining—simply because Bob happens to be his sweetheart's big brother. I think it very mean of Bob to treat my poor Jack this way!

But then it is so jolly to hear Bob's big, hearty voice sounding through the house, and the holiday season is such a light hearted time that one could not be cross with the worst big brother in the world.

The city is bright in holiday attire, and the crowds on the streets seem more genial faced than usual. Every nationality has its representative colony located in some remote corner of this composite metropolis. Swarthy skinned Italian children, chubby faced and bright eyed, swarm up and down even the pretentious Broadway, prattling merrily in their soft southern patois. Merry eyed urchins from the Emerald Isle blarney little yellow haired German girls, for "tout le monde" is inoculated with holiday virus.

As I write behind closed doors I hear the echo of my big brother's strong voice. I can stand it no longer. The incessant din and fragmentary bits of an animated conversation get the better of me, and I must open the door.

"Here's to dull care! Away with her! Bid her discard blue hued raiment, to don a brilliant toga, become joyous, jest merrily with fate and laugh to scorn her synonym, anxiety." This fusillade of words comes from the stair top, where the young scion of the house holds forth, gayly hantering Aunt Hetty, who dares to suggest it's bedtime. Bob hurls precept upon precept from his exalted position on the landing above, insisting that we shall subscribe to what he chooses to dignify by the appellation "a holiday toast." We promise, and our Princeton plague descends to join the family group, catechising us singly in secret as to what a certain somebody will think of the particular present he has sent her. We are discreetly unwise, and nobody knows, for Bob has the habit of buying the most ridiculous things at times.

The opera, I'm told, will deter many music lovers from spending the week out of town, for all the old favorites, including Melba, will appear successively until the curtain is rung down on the year 1898.

Heroism, whether it be patriotic in kind or not, calls for homage, as was clearly demonstrated by the applause Maud Rondez, a survivor of the ill fated Mohegan, received at her debut in "La Traviata." The singer and mother, Mme. Grandin, managed to secure a lifeboat when the steamer sank, but it was overturned in the mad struggle following the calamity. Miss Rondez's vocal training enabled her to use her voice so advantageously that her cries were heard above the uproar, and she was rescued.

I heard a lament some days ago which touched a responsive chord, and I repeat it, thinking opinions publicly expressed are often productive of great good. People in general are too careless of other people's rights. A friend was regretting the loss of a very beautiful powder puff. "Has it been stolen?" I queried. "No; but, Daisy, I simply couldn't stand it! I had to throw it away."

Bewildered? I looked it, whereupon my friend explained:

"Well, I'll tell you. Socially inclined women are in the habit of taking things too much for granted outside the home circle. Women have no more right to use one another's powder puffs than to appropriate their toothbrushes for use, yet every one of the 40 who came to my reception, save one mite of a dainty creature, stalked over to the dressing table, each in turn dabbing face and neck with the selfsame puff—mine. Being somewhat fastidious, I couldn't reconcile myself to the thought of ever using it again. The exception brought forward a silken bag, produced a diminutive powder box and a tuft of swan's down, touched her face lightly and replaced her possessions. I just went over and hugged her, because she was not a woman who put on great lugs in matters of importance, but proved she was duly considerate of trifles. This goes to make the sum total of good breeding."

So far as clothes go opera coats are the "piece de resistance" of the toilet. They are at the zenith of their glory and are marvels in frou frou effects. Mrs. Clarence Mackay, nee Kitty Duer, a descendant of the famous Knickerbocker wit and beauty, Lady Kitty Duer of colonial days, wears one of gold brocade. Billows of lace on an old pink liberty satin foundation line it. Ermine collar and piplings supply the indispensable trace of fur.

Brocaded velvet is again the fashionable material. Although adored by women for centuries, it has been superseded latterly by other fabrics. It has been reinstated under such delightful circumstances that we shall welcome its return with added zest, as Mrs. James Brown Potter presented it prior to her illness to our English sisters in Beerbohm Tree's presentation of "The Three Musketeers." The step across the pond is not so great, and one may confidently anticipate our grandes dames appearing at the charity ball in voluminous brocade skirts and court trains.

Peasant bonnets are the fancy of opera goers for the moment. They are worn in lieu of the scarf as tress protectors and are decidedly more fetching than the Spanish mantilla arrangement. Sometimes the hoods match in color and texture the long cape, while at others they are in striking contrast. Black or white satin ones lined in a delicate color are destined to become most popular. Peasant bonnets are peculiarly constructed. They are shaped like an old fashioned sunbonnet, minus the curtain, and are cut deep enough to allow a turn back fold of satin. They are finished off at the neck by a ruche or twist of chiffon, terminating in flowing ends, to be tied under the chin. This makes a quaint and picturesque millinery conceit, strikingly becoming and reminding one of the headgear of one's Dutch ancestors of auld lang syne.

I feel I'd be doing the opera subject a distinct injustice should I omit to say a word regarding the expanse of nakedness above and below the bodice, so called by courtesy. The evening bodice has become addicted to the expansion habit. It is abreast of the times. At night it presents a mute apology for appearing at all. Oftentimes it outlines vast territory below the shoulder blades at back and shaped in front with no semblance of sleeve, unless one might graciously term such a blossom or a buckle. A strap of ribbon no wider than a cord or some greenery stems supporting fragile buds draped across the shoulder designate the proper place for the missing link. When we returned from Sembrich's wonderful rendition of Violetta at the Metropolitan, Aunt Hetty held up her hands in holy horror at the sights she saw. "Clothes don't proclaim the man," said she, "but certainly the lack of 'em is exposing the audacity of the modern woman."

While I differed, as a matter of course, and argued against what I vehemently asserted was harsh criticism I'm bound to confess there were revelations. The "diner de luxe" to be served every Sunday evening by an up town caterer will give opportunity for more display. According to the London rule, women will appear in full evening dress to loiter through a table d'hote menu. By this you will see the decollete craze is on.

Sleeves, by the way, are playing no unimportant role on fashion's stage. Since their return to first principles, revealing beauteous curves, they essay the leading part. The flirtatious woman is in her element, for she has studied closely the trick of managing her hands, and the new sleeve is an able ally, enhancing the witchery of swift motions and white hands. All sleeves follow the line of the arm, accentuating its length from wrist to shoulder. There is no fullness anywhere, and one's arm has the appearance of having been molded in the cloth. About the wrist a series of dainty frillings, one of white, the next of delicate rose, another white one and lastly a deeper one of spangled net falling well over the hand is a cameolike setting the beauty of which no woman will be slow to perceive. Trimmed sleeves are a thing of the past. They depend entirely upon perfection of cut for style.

Feminine clubdom has furnished two decided sensations during the last fortnight. The mothers' congress is held responsible for the edict that "Mother Goose" must go. The Society For the Study of Life, an offshoot of the learned congress, which adapts swaddling infants to scientific principles, has undertaken the task of conversion. A theory that children shall be taught morality by systematic truth telling even to the uttermost is advanced. These progressive methods of rearing the offspring have created a "tempest in a teapot," and there are numerous dissenters. Their discussion is beyond me, but the subject might prove interesting food for thought among my constituents, so Daisy, ever accommodating, affords you an opportunity to squabble among yourselves.

The more recent topic and second sensation is based likewise upon that comprehensive, though somewhat indefinite, noun, morality. The Minerva club met to debate upon "whether moral or immoral women have been most influential in making history." A wide range of thought and a latitude of expression were very powerful weapons on the one side, flanked by the example of George Sand, but virtue, dull and doleful, grew resplendent embodied in the person of Octavia, the faithful wife and mother. Morality won by a majority.

The study of political economy has pallied upon us club members, and it is necessary to startle our sluggish brains in order that we may continue to pursue higher educational methods.

Interesting events have so crowded one upon the other that it is most difficult for me to recall which has been of greatest importance. The Colgate-Stratford wedding perhaps claims precedence by reason of its lack of ostentation. The nuptial ceremony was performed in Grace chantry, the wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's sister, and the countess and earl later started off on a three days' trip in the drawing room of an ordinary coach on the regular congressional limited.

"American millions piled up through Colgate's soap formulas will be spent on an impoverished English estate," impertinently hissed a heavy swell, who joined me as we were leaving the church.

"Well," I retorted, "if you are a fitting example of the well bred rich American man, give me the Englishmen every time."

Daisy May

New York.

THREE STRIKING HOUSE GOWNS.

When Should a Girl "Come Out?"

Very few people agree as to what is the age when a girl should make her first appearance in society. Some mothers are in the habit of allowing their tiny daughters to go to dances and parties of all sorts at a time when they should be in the nursery or schoolroom, and such girls are always more or less "out" from their cradles, and are proportionately spoiled and precocious.

In society girls are not allowed at any festivity until they have been presented at court, or properly introduced, while among ordinary people who do not aspire to court circles a girl generally "comes out" at some ball or dance sufficiently important to give eclat to the event. The advent into society marks the fact that the girl has reached years of discretion. Her school days are over, and she is old enough to take upon herself the responsibilities of life.

In days gone by 16 or even 15 was not thought too young for a girl's debut, but nowadays mothers have become more sensible. They see and understand of what value the last years or so of school life are to a girl, and do not wish her to marry before her mind and judgment are formed.

Seventeen is the earliest age at which a girl "comes out" nowadays in good society, and 18 is far more general.

Sensible mothers convert the last two years of a girl's school life into something distantly resembling that of a cloistered nun.

That is to say, they cut off all those juvenile festivities to which the little girl used to go, and keep her quite in the background.

There is a double motive in this. It will render her appearance in society all the more striking and attractive, because she has not been in evidence before, and it will enhance all her own pleasure in grown up society, because she has not had the keen edge of it taken off by a premature taste of its joys.

It will above all things preserve a girlish freshness and charm, which are the greatest attractions a girl has to offer, but which seldom outlast any long experience of society and the world.

The Princess of Wales, who is indeed a model mother, kept her girls in the schoolroom until they were 18, and did not even contemplate matrimony in connection with them until they were long past the age when they would be considered on the shelf in continental European countries.

The Prince's Favorite Dogs.

The Prince of Wales has one invariable companion in all his travels. This is the Dandie Dinmont which belonged to the Duke of Clarence and has since then become the prince's favorite among the numerous dogs which he possesses. He feeds it always himself. Other though lesser favorites are Newmarket Tip, a collie; Sam, a clever poodle of many tricks; Little Billy, beloved of the Princess of Wales; the famous Basset hound of prize taking notoriety, and a glorious Lapland sledge dog.

MODISH WINTER HATS.

ABOUT RUBIES.

Some Famous Gems That Are Identified With Historical Personages—Superstitions Regarding the Stone.

From time immemorial precious stones have exercised a mysterious fascination over the human mind. In eastern lands they have been worshiped with divine honors. The luring light within them has been deemed the outward sign of the indwelling of a divinity. All over the world men have fought and died for them; women have associated their beauty with the holiest pledges; love and romance have ever surrounded them, and their presence has been held to confer every species of good fortune. Therefore it is that their history and folklore must ever be transcendently attractive.

Foremost among gems stands the ruby. As a strictly popular favorite the diamond is usually given precedence, but experts agree that a perfect ruby is at once rarer and far more valuable than a flawless diamond. The basis of this stone, as of the sapphire and amethyst, is alumina, the mineral earth in its natural state, called also corundum (truly a prosaic origin for so much beauty and one which might furnish the text for a homily). The word "ruby" is derived from the low Latin rubinus, or robinus, which suggests also the etymology of the name "Robin," since it means simply red. The French, German and Italian versions—rubis, rubin, rubino—carry out the same idea, but the Greeks more poetically called the gem "anthrax," signifying live coal or fire, in allusion to the luring light which flames in the very heart of a fine ruby and causes the Hindoo to revere it as the abode of a soul imprisoned for a time ere being admitted to the paradise of Buddha.

Rubies have been found in Siam, in Ceylon, in Brazil and even in Australia, but the best come from the famous mines in Burma, which until the conquest of the king were closed to western enterprise. The Burmese have the curious belief that rubies are originally white, but that they become red as they ripen in the ground. In the days when the products of the mines belonged exclusively to his Burmese majesty of unpleasing memory it was the custom for bags of coarse ruby dust, the refuse from the workings, to be placed under the foundations of all public buildings, in order to propitiate the gods and insure good fortune. The king kept all the finest stones that were found, and it is still believed that his chief treasures are buried in Mandalay.

Besides the oriental or pigeon blood ruby, the most valuable of all, there are several other kinds, including the balas, or rose red, the spinel and the carbuncle. The spinel ruby has a yellow light in the center and can thus be easily distinguished. People speak sometimes of "star rubies," but these do not belong to the same family. They are asterias, or star stones, not true gems, although both pretty and curious. Owing to the internal construction they reflect a six rayed star. The blue and green varieties are spoken of erroneously as star sapphires and star emeralds. It is recorded that Helen of Troy wore one of these stones in a ring and attributed all her conquests to its magic powers.

There are, of course, false rubies on the market to entrap unwary purchasers. Such imitations are made with small stones joined together and may be distinguished, say the experts, by the absence of "silk," the trade term for the characteristic beauty of the genuine stone. One great authority has even gone so far as to tell us that the balas should not be counted a true ruby at all, but this a patriotic Briton would call hypercritical, for is not the historic stone which holds the proud position in front of the crown of England described in the ancient inventory of the regalia as "a very great balance?"

The story of this gem, though well known, is romantic enough to bear repetition here. It was given by Pedro of Castile to the Black Prince in gratitude for his assistance at the battle of Najera. Edward wore it at Cressy, and it was set in the helmet of Henry V, who bore it through the field of Agincourt. After that its fortunes varied with those of the English sovereigns. It was frequently pawned and at last taken to Holland by the queen of Charles I for the purpose of "raising the wind." Being unredeemed, it subsequently fell into the hands of Peter the Great, when that monarch was enrolled on the list of carpenters in the employ of the East India company at Amsterdam studying the English art of shipbuilding. When he went to England, he took the great ruby, which was still in its rough state and valued at $50,000, in his pocket, wrapped in a piece of brown paper. On arrival at Windsor castle he presented it to William III in return, say some authorities, for the gift of the ship the Royal Transport. William had the stone placed where it now is, in the crown. It is rounded in shape, like a large, ripe cherry, and a hole bored in its center is filled by a smaller ruby.

The great balas is not, of course, the largest ruby known. The Emperor Rudolph II is said to have possessed one as large as a hen's egg, but its color, the criterion of value, was inferior. No one seems to know what has become of the three rubies known as the "Three Brethren" and owned by Charles the Bold, the great duke of Burgundy, but they would seem to have at one time formed part of the British crown jewels, for there is in the British museum a letter from James I to his son, wherein he writes, "I send you for your wearing the Three Brethren." The ring which weds the English sovereign to the country, being placed on the right hand during the coronation ceremonies, is composed of a large "table" or square cut ruby, on which is graven the cross of St. George.

The famous Mazarin rubies eventually became the property of the late Mrs. Ayer of New York. Another American who owns superb stones is Mrs. Bradley Martin, whose parure is valued at $200,000. Among English beauties Mrs. Crawshay has perhaps the best collection of these stones, and the Duchesse de Luynes bears off the palm among French ruby fanciers.

Much has already been written concerning the superstitions connected with this gem. The fortieth anniversary of marriage is called the "ruby wedding," but it is as a porte bonheur for those born in July that the stone is most prized, as it is supposed to preserve them from mistaken friendships, to prevent love troubles, or at least to insure forgetfulness of them, and to betray the presence of poison by turning pale. The birth stone superstition is of Polish origin. Nearly every nation, however, has contributed something to the folklore of the ruby. The Egyptians credited it with the power of dispelling melancholy and quenching thirst in the desert. The Hindoos say that it warns its owner of danger, and that it inspires the lover of a woman who wears it to brave and noble deeds. It has been hailed as the peacemaking stone, for it calms anger and restrains inordinate imagination.

But perhaps the most poetic of all the myths associated with the "king of gems" is the Persian legend of the elixir of life, which an angel brought to Sultan Suleiman. The precious draft was contained in a ruby cup, formed of the sunset rays solidified, and the monarch was bidden to drink it if he would have everlasting youth on earth. He took counsel with the djins, the peris, with men and women, with beasts and birds. All advised him to drink and to become immortal, all save the dove, who, summoned from her nest, paused to ask if the gift of perpetual life extended also to those whom Suleiman loved. "Nay," said the king, "the cup is for me alone." "Then," said the white dove, "better were death than life bereft of love." Suleiman, seeing, as in a vision, the long, dark vista of the barren years, shuddered and dashed the fatal cup to the ground, and the dove flew back to her nest in haste, lest her eggs should grow cold.

Telephone Girls and Their Dress.

With the provision of new and hygienically constructed telephone stations for Vienna has come a reform in the dress of the girls employed. Experience has shown that the dust clinging to the dresses of the telephone girls when they arrive at work finds its way to the instruments and brings about a disturbance in the telephonic service. To avoid this the girls will now be required to wear a uniform during office hours. On arrival they are to remove their street dresses and put on others provided by the government, made up of stuff similar to that used for dust cloaks. The material is dark in color, and on the sleeves are yellow stripes, in imitation of the national colors. The girls are also compelled to take off their outdoor shoes and substitute for them a slipper-like shoe.

At a prize contest for national music and dances, held in the Norwegian town of Skien, the first prize for dancing was taken by an old gentleman of 80, who went through the Halling dance.

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN.

Ultra swell London women are wearing monocles.

The commanding officers who served under Admiral Sampson have presented Mrs. Sampson with a handsome loving cup. It contains miniature representations of the Spanish vessels sunk off Santiago, and the inscription refers to "the war between the United States and Spain, which resulted in the destruction of the Spanish squadron under Admiral Cervera at Santiago."

The Princesses Victoria and Maud are the most enthusiastic cyclists in the British royal family. On one occasion at Sandringham, when they were riding together, an old countryman, scandalized at lady bicyclists and unaware of their identity, lectured them in round terms and finished by calling them "bold hussies," a novel experience for the princesses.

Marriages among the aristocracy in India—that is, the English contingent—seem to be great affairs. Lady Elizabeth Bruce and Mr. Babington Smith had for their marriage a wedding cake made for them by Lord Elgin's chef. It was nine feet high and weighed 700 pounds.

Speaking of Bismarck, the late empress of Austria once said: "He could not bear women, with the single exception of his wife. He disliked queens. The first time I saw him he was exceedingly stiff. He would have liked to say, 'The ladies had better remain in their apartments.' I think all his hatred of England is on account of the queen. The poor Empress Frederick has also had to suffer.

The Swedish bride fills her pockets with bread, which she dispenses to every one she meets on her way to church, every piece she disposes of averting, as she believes, a misfortune.

Miss Lucy Withers, a pretty schoolteacher of Golden, Kan., made a wager with Harold Owens, a young ranchman, of a thousand kisses against $1,000 worth of live stock that Jerry Simpson would be returned to congress. Mr. Owens is going to receive his kisses at the rate of 20 a week. This will finish up the payment in time to make a new wager on the presidential election.

At the Russian court there are two innovations latterly—the use of the English language as much as or even more than the French and the permission accorded to any gentleman of good social position to ask any lady of rank—with the one exception of the czarina—to dance with him.

THE WORLD'S GOLD

The United States Has Large Share.

AN ALMOST SENSATIONAL EXHIBIT.

Our Commercial Status Tremendously Advancing.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The United States is acquiring 76 percent of the entire world's production of gold. During the last 30 months, or since the first of July, 1896, the total stock of gold in actual circulation in the United States, according to the estimates of the director of the mint, has increased $383,000,000, making a total of approximately $950,000,000. Director Roberts estimates the stock of gold at the beginning of the present month at $926,000,000. Imports and additions from American and Canadian mines, including the Klondike, will increase the total to $960,000,000 by the end of the calendar year, as against $567,475,000 on July 1, 1896, an increase of 68 percent in 2½ years. On Jan. 1 of the present year the total gold stock in this country was $745,245,000. It will be seen therefore that the gain during the 12 months will be close to $200,000,000, which is within about $20,000,000 of the world's output for the calendar year 1897. The production for 1898 will be $30,000,000 or $4,000,000 greater than that of the preceding year, according to the estimates of experts. From Jan. 1, 1898, down to Nov. 30 last, our excess of imports of gold over exports was $134,411,600. The December record will increase this total to about $145,000,000. But for the fact that our European customers have taken to asking longer credits of American exporters and in many cases actually borrowing money in order to stave off the payment of trade balances, the volume of gold from the other side would have been much larger.

The foregoing exhibit may properly be considered as almost sensational. It demonstrates that this country is changing from a position of a debtor nation to that of a creditor nation. It indicates that the United States is to become in the 20th century what England has been in the 19th—the chief commercial, manufacturing and trading nation of the world, with the world's clearing house situated on the western shores of the Atlantic instead of on the eastern.

While our stock of gold has increased at this unparalleled rate in the past 30 months silver has been no laggard in the race. The store of white metal in this country has increased since July 1, 1895, from $566,761,000 to $635,200,000, a gain of $131,439,000. Much of the silver now produced in the United States finds a market in London and China.

Incidentally it may be stated that the per capita circulation of the United States is greater than it has ever been in the history of the country. On Dec. 1 last it was $26.03. The total amount in circulation was $1,986,879,000. The population of the country was estimated by the treasurer at 75,194,000. The circulation has increased $135,000,000 since Jan. 1 last. The statement that will be given out by the treasury department on the first of the coming month will show a still further increase in the circulation both total and per capita.

MEDICINE TAXATION.

Washington, Dec. 24.—An important opinion, approved by the attorney general, was sent to the secretary of the treasury yesterday, construing section 20 of the war revenue act, relative to taxes under schedule B, on medicinal articles and preparations. The opinion holds that the subjects of taxation under the said section and schedule are confined to such compounded, patent, trade mark and proprietary medicines as are put up in packages ready for use by the consumer without the intervention of a physician or pharmacist. On the other hand, it is held that the law does not tax medicinal preparations which are compounded or which, if compounded, are put up under medical or pharmaceutical names for classification for the use of physicians in practice or druggists or pharmacists in their trade. This decision is of general importance to the medicine and drug business throughout the country, and has the effect of relieving from stamp tax many standard medicines such as the serums and many others.

WILL PREVENT HOODLING.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The war department authorizes the following: "The following order has been sent by the secretary of war to the commanding officers in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines: Until otherwise ordered, no grant or concessions of public or corporate rights or franchises for the construction of public or quasi-public works, such as railroads, tramways, telegraph and telephone lines, etc., shall be made by any municipal or other local governmental authority or body in Cuba, Porto Rico or the Philippines, except upon the approval of the major general commanding the forces of the United States in Cuba, Porto Rico or the Philippines, who shall, before approving any such grant or concession, be specially authorized by the secretary of war."

NEW COUNTERFEIT OUT.

Washington, Dec. 24.—A new counterfeit $1 silver certificate has been discovered. It is of the series of 1896, Bruce register; Roberts treasurer, and apparently printed from photo-etched plates on heavy bond paper. No attempt has been made to imitate the silk fibre, and the treasury number has been traced with blue writing fluid, which blurs when dampened, as does the red coloring applied to the seal. The execution is poor and the work would deceive only the most careless handlers.

ORDERED TO JOIN DEWEY.

Washington, Dec. 24.—An order issued by the secretary of the navy directs the distilling ship Iris, now accompanying the battleships Oregon and Iowa on their trip around the horn, to leave Callao, Peru, on her arrival there this week, and make a course across the Pacific to Manila, where her services are required by the ships of Admiral Dewey's fleet.

NURSES FOR CUBA.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The surgeon general's office sent six female trained nurses to Cuba from New York today. They are destined for the division hospital at Puerto Principe. Fifty other female nurses were started for Cuba Dec. 16, and it is intended to place 100 altogether with the division hospitals of the Seventh corps.

AN EYE ON THE SIOUX.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The war department has taken steps to strengthen the military forces in the Sioux Indian country, South Dakota. This is merely precautionary, as the officials deem it advisable to be prepared for any possible contingency which may arise.

WASHINGTON BRIEFS.

Secretary Hay has resumed his duties at the state department, although still suffering from the effects of the grip.

Adjutant General Corbin has gone to New York to spend Christmas. He expects to return next Tuesday.

The navy department sent out a general order to all of the nine naval stations that the strictest economy is to be exercised in all expenditures of public money by the department's officers.

The postmaster general announces the establishment of seven additional postal stations in Cuba, as follows: Pinar del Rio, Guanajay, Mariel, Trinidad, Las Tunas, Sancti Spiritus and Cardenas.

There will be no proceedings on the part of the navy department against Chief Engineer Robinson, the chief of the engineering department at the League island navy yard, and he has been detached and sent home on waiting orders.

AN UNFORTUNATE WOMAN.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 24.—Annie O'Neil mysteriously disappeared from the Cambridge hospital last evening, barefooted, and clad only in her nightdress, and the police have failed to discover her whereabouts. She was arrested Thursday, charged with stealing from a Cambridge family by whom she was employed, and while at the police station was taken violently ill. A physician discovered that she was in a delicate condition, and ordered her removal to the hospital. About 6 o'clock last night, during the temporary absence of her attendant, the woman made her escape through a window. It is feared that her mind became unbalanced, and that she has done herself harm.

TAR AND FEATHERS ADVOCATED.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—An attempt has been made to arouse the people of this city to violence as a result of the acquittal of Walter Rosser, the Tennessee soldier who killed Henry Hildebrand. Flaming posters have been conspicuously displayed on bill boards advocating tar and feathers for the 12 jurors who acquitted Rosser. Chief of Police Lees says that he will make an effort to have Rosser indicted for the attempted murder of Willie Lynch, whom he fired at when he killed Hildebrand.

ANOTHER DROP IN SUGAR.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—The western headquarters of Arbuckle Bros. yesterday announced another cut in the price of refined sugar. Quotations of 5.14 cents per pound were made to retail dealers direct, jobbers being ignored. This is about 2-16th of a cent below the American Sugar Refining company's price. The reduction in prices made by the Arbuckles has not been met by the trust.

WEALTH TO BE INCREASED.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Thomas H. Watson and his wife, who was Miss Emma Spreckels, daughter of the sugar king, are completing arrangements for an extended tour of the world. Mr. Watson has also in view the acquisition of property valued at £9,000,000. He has in his possession papers which, he claims, shows him to be entitled to about one half of the town of Carlisle, Eng.

ENFORCED THE LAW.

Cumberland, Md., Dec. 24.—John W. Bowling, colored, and Martha Craven, the white woman he married, were each sentenced by Judge Boyd yesterday to 18 months in the penitentiary, the minimum penalty for miscegenation. The judge, in passing sentence, said it was the first prosecution of the kind in Maryland.

HOBSON IN 'FRISCO.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Lieutenant R. P. Hobson arrived here last night and was given a public reception at the Palace hotel. The great courtyard of the building was crowded and hundreds of people were unable to gain admission. After the reception Lieutenant Hobson was the guest of the Friday Night club.

FOUR CARS SMASHED.

Portland, Me., Dec. 24.—The Grand Trunk express was three hours late in arriving in Portland last night, owing to an accident which occurred near Coaticook, P. Q., in the morning. A west-bound freight train broke apart and the two sections collided. Four cars were smashed, but no one was hurt.

EMPLOYES SHARE IN PROFITS.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 24.—The Bourne mills yesterday paid its 19th semi-annual dividend to employes, under the profit-sharing system. The dividend is 3 percent, from June 12 to Dec. 10, and it realized from $6 to $10 for each operative. The last dividend was 2 percent.

CONFESSED GUILT.

Pawtucket, R. I., Dec. 24.—Louis Berrard, aged 18 years, was arrested yesterday on the charge of committing a felonious assault upon Jessie H. Burchell on Nov. 18 in Lonsdale. He confessed to the officers.

BELONGED IN CONNECTICUT.

New York, Dec. 24.—The body of a man who hung himself yesterday morning on a fence at Twelfth avenue and Fifty-sixth street has been identified as that of Paul Thomas, 45 years old, a furrier of South Norwalk, Conn.

PLANS ARRANGED

For Hoisting Our Flag in Havana.

CORDIAL EXCHANGE OF CIVILITIES.

Privileges for the Spanish Troops in Cuba.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Havana, Dec. 24.—At the joint meeting of the United States and Spanish military commissioners yesterday, the program was finally agreed upon for the change of flags on Jan. 1 at noon. Just before 12 o'clock the American war vessels will fire a salute of 21 guns in honor of the Spanish flag. Promptly at 12 the Spanish flags on the various public buildings will be lowered; and immediately thereafter the Stars and Stripes will be hoisted over El Morro and the public buildings of the city, while Spanish artillerists at Cabanas fortress will salute the American flag with 21 guns, Spanish warships in the harbor participating in the salute. At the same hour the Spanish troops, if any remain in the city, will be paraded in barracks and will render proper salutes to the American forces passing.

Just before noon the United States and Spanish military commissioners, General Jiminesz Castellanos, the Spanish captain general, and the ranking American officer in Cuba—Major General John R. Brooke, if he arrives in time, and otherwise Major General Lee—will assemble at the palace. The Spanish commissioners will then formally surrender the government to the United States commissioners, who will immediately transfer it to the American general commanding. After this the various functionaries will remain a while to receive those who may wish to pay their respects, or incoming authorities.

It was agreed at the joint meeting that the Spanish troops remaining in Cuba after Jan. 1 should be considered in the light of foreign troops in a friendly country, and be accorded the privileges usually granted under international law. The quarters, buildings and grounds occupied by them are to be covered by the immunities of extra territoriality; and further stipulations were entered into respecting the prevention of any disturbance of public order consequent upon their presence.

Matanzas and Cienfuegos will doubtless be the only places where Spanish troops will remain after Jan 1, and Cienfuegos will be evacuated last. The Spanish sick in the hospitals will remain under the safeguard of the American flag, the Spanish authorities providing medicines and attendance, with food, and repatriating them on recovery.

Generals Wade, Butler and Cious, accompanied by their aides-de-camp, were received at the palace yesterday with full military honors. The Spanish trumpeters blew a fanfare and the palace guards saluted. The same ceremony marked the retirement of the American officers.

The Eighth and Tenth regular infantry regiments occupied the forts at El Vedado yesterday, but there are no American flags in sight.

The Spanish transport Alfonso XIII left today for Cadiz with 1100 officers and men, and the Hapsburg for Barcelona with 1700. The transport Porto Rico will sail tomorrow for Vigo, Spain, with 1300 officers and men.

PORTO RICAN EVENTS.

San Juan, Dec. 24.—During the last week the most important occurrence in San Juan has been the departure of General R. Brooke and the installation of General Guy V. Henry as military governor of Porto Rico. Upon assuming the duties of governor general, General Henry has expressed what his future policy with regard to the administration of public affairs will be, and this new policy (the government policy of Americanizing the insular institutions) has been outlined in two letters addressed to the president and members of the insular cabinet. These letters have been made public; but, until they are translated and published in Spanish in the various island papers, we will not hear how the new policy is received by the people at large.

CUBAN GRATITUDE.

Santiago, Dec. 24.—Senor Bacardi, mayor of Santiago, accompanied by the city council, visited General Wood yesterday and presented him with an old Spanish medal of honor, of embossed gold, with a chain, and a parchment scroll containing the words, "To make one's self beloved of the people in difficult moments is the best of victories." The deputation requested General Wood to forward a similar medal to President McKinley, with a scroll containing the declaration: "A people never forgets its benefactors."

ASSAULTED A WOMAN.

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 24.—Walter McNally was arrested here yesterday for assaulting a woman named Catherine Warringer, with whom he was living. He is a brother of Jimmy McNally, the green goods king. The woman was only slightly injured.

EIGHT MEN LOST.

New Haven, Dec. 24.—Underwriters have given up as lost the three-masted schooner Howard H. Hanscomb, formerly hailing from this port. It is believed that the vessel foundered in the November blizzard, and that the eight members of her crew were lost. She was bound from Philadelphia for Providence.

WILLING TO ARBITRATE.

Montreal, Dec. 24.—General Manager Hays of the Grand Trunk railway suggested that the complaint of the operators be submitted to arbitration. The operators have accepted the suggestion of arbitration, and have sent Hays a message to that effect.

MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP
Has been used for over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething, with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic and is the best remedy for diarrhœa. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," and take no other kind. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

G. O. Taylor Whiskies, impart strength and vigor.

The Easy Food
Easy to Buy,
Easy to Cook,
Easy to Eat,
Easy to Digest.
Quaker Oats
At all grocers
in 2-lb. pkgs, only

WANTED.

WANTED—Fancy cotton weavers. Inquire "W. X." this office.

WANTED—Girl to do general housework at 69 Rock street.

MADAME ROYAL, the renowned Western Clairvoyant, Palmist and Business Medium, wishes to announce her arrival in Lowell and has taken parlors in Spaulding's Block, 177 Middlesex street, where she can be consulted on all business matters. Also on all affairs of life. Don't fail to consult the truly wonderful woman as it is your chance of a lifetime. Up one flight. Walk in.

WANTED—Good health. The blooming idiot died last fall, wouldn't drink Gloria, that is all. S. Bartlett, 153 Middlesex St., sells Gloria.

LADIES WANTED To attend the Lowell Dress Cutting Schools, opened day and evening. First evening free at 65 Merrimack street, room 16, opposite Hickson Brok' tea store. Nesmith's block and 370 Central street, near Opera House. First class dress makers and milliners will be employed for teaching. M. J. Greaves, Principal. Hours from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m.

LADIES To make sample patches at home; $5 to $10 weekly; no canvassing; reply envelope for particulars and sample. Foster Machine Co., 505 West 19th St., New York.

WANTED—500 young and old men to bring their old clothes to Fred D. Lee's Dye Houses and Clothes Cleaning establishment at 477 Merrimack street, where he can make your old suit as good as new for a small sum.

WANT BLOOM OF YOUTH, soft, delicate skin? Use Nonen's Roman Secret. At all drug stores. A. W. Dow, A. E. Moor, agent for Lowell, corner of Gorham and Appleton streets.

LOST AND FOUND.

FOUND.—Gentleman's seal glove. Owner can have by calling at 90 Lyons street and paying for this advertisement.

FOUND—Lady's gold chain on Palmer street. Owner can have same by calling at this office, proving property and paying advertisement.

TO LET.

TENEMENT TO LET of 6 rooms, with bath, hot and cold water, rent $11 per month, at 18 Westford street. Apply on premises.

TO LET—A good tenement for $4.50; also 5 good rooms, fine condition for $8.50. Save money by reducing rent. T. H. Elliott, 64 Central st.

DANCE HALL TO LET—Suitable for sleigh ride and turkey parties. All kinds of suppers served on short notice. For further particulars address Thomas Scully, Pine Grove Hotel, P. O. Box 54, Collinsville, Mass.

TO LET—Two square rooms. Inquire at 713 Merrimack street, corner Austin.

TO LET—Blacksmith shop. Inquire Connors Bros., Thorndike street.

TO LET—A good office in the Sun building. Inquire at Sun office.

TO LET—Rooms with or without board, one large front room on first floor with gas, furnished or unfurnished. Price low. 322 Fayette street.

STORE TO LET—51 Middle street.

ROOMS TO LET in The Sun Building. Inquire at the Sun office.

BAY STATE
Dye House

Poverty is no crime, but to be a penny wise and a pound foolish is what most of the people are and if they were not they would not throw their old clothes away when they are not half worn out, and this applies to the ladies as well as gents.

Now what we wish to say is that we know just where you can save dimes and often dollars by bringing your old winter clothing to the

BAY STATE DYE WORKS,
54 Prescott Street.

and when we get done with them they will look almost as good as new. Just give them a trial order and you will feel like thanking us for our advice.

Beautiful Mirror,
25x36
Or a NICE CANE ROCKING CHAIR free to any with 50 lbs. Tea. Our Teas are of the choicest quality and we do this to introduce them into every home.
UNION TEA STORE,
Cor. Charles and Central Streets.
J. J. Gardner, Prop.

CONSUMPTION
To the Editor.—Please inform your readers that I have a positive remedy for the above named disease. By its timely use thousands of hopeless cases have been permanently cured. I shall be glad to send two bottles of my remedy free to any of your readers who have consumption if they will send me their express and post office address. Respectfully, T. A. Slocum, M. C., No. 183 Pearl Street, New York

CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS.

Our Little Gents' Box Calf Shoes, sturdy protectors, at every price, $1 a pair.

Ladies' Beaver Nullifiers, cosey suggestions of comfort, $1 a pair.

Leggins for the Misses and Children, cold proof, the doctors' enemy, 75 cents and $1 a pair.

Our Boys' three sole Lace Shoes, the skaters pride, $1 a pair.

Open every evening this week.

J. J. LONERGAN.
215 DUTTON ST.

Notice, For the next 15 days, A. M. Bertrand, the tailor, will make his $22 Suits for $18; his $25 Suits for $20; his $20 suits for $22. Trousers from $4 upwards. Cleaning, pressing and repairing done at short notice.
A. M. BERTRAND, 24 Middle St.
Few doors from the corner of Central St.

EMERY LAND
Office Removed to
3 HILDRETH BUILDING
House lots near the new Moody street bridge, on the principal streets and avenues with all modern improvements, such as gas, city water, sewers, sidewalks, schools, etc. The location is equal to any in the city, being by actual measurement only 0.625 feet from the corner of Central and Merrimack streets to the Emery land. Over 200 buildings have been built on the Emery land in the last two years. Is not that a good indication of what this property is going to be? Call for plans. Prices low. Terms easy.
Wm. H. Emery
A. J. Ryan, 3 Hildreth Building, Old Post Office.

Don't Fail
COME TO
LEGAULT & CO.
Our Reliable Jewelers
THEY SELL
Christmas Presents
At Very Low Prices.
79 Central St. Cor. Prescott.

FOR SALE.

SLEIGHS—I believe I can show the best "Old Comfort Sleigh" and "Business Sleigh" ever shown in Lowell for the money. Also elegant pair of "Japanese Seal" robes, gray and black wolf robes, wagons, as usual. J. F. Libby, 62 Robbins St.

FOR SALE—A first class confectionery store on one of the principal streets doing a good cigar, tobacco and fruit trade. Owner having other business is obliged to sell. Call at this office.

FOR SALE—Near Wilder and Middlesex streets, 2 story house; all modern improvements. Good location. Price $3100. G. L. Hubbard, 191 Central street.

FOR SALE—Near Chelmsford street, cottage house of 7 rooms. Price $1000. G. L. Hubbard, 191 Central street.

FOR SALE—11 acre farm, 7 miles from Lowell, not far from electrics. Easy terms; price only $800. T. H. Elliott, 64 Central street.

CALL at 553 Market street to buy or sell second-hand Furniture.

FOR SALE—Near Shaw street, 2 tenement house, good shed, lot of land. Price $2300. G. L. Hubbard, 191 Central street.

FOR SALE—Ten HIPANS for 5 cents at druggists. One gives relief.

FOR SALE—All kinds of boarding and lodging houses and at all prices, large and small, corp. and street, at G. L. Hubbard, 191 Central street.

LADIES—Chichester English Pennyroyal Pills (Diamond Brand) are the best, safe, reliable. Take no other. Send 4c. in stamps for particulars, "Relief for Ladies," in letter by return mail. At druggists. Chichester Chemical Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

FOR SALE—On Varnum avenue, good large house and barn, lots of fruit, 7 acres of land. Price and terms to suit you. G. L. Hubbard, 191 Central street.

MENTHOL CREAM Shampoo is used in all leading hair-dressing and bath parlors in New England. Menthol Cream Shampoo removes dandruff and all humors of the scalp. It contains alcohol, glycerine and menthol. It gives a rich, creamy lather and when used in the bath will remove pimples, etc., leaving the skin clear and soft. 25c. per bottle. Sold by leading druggists.

LADIES—My Monthly Regulator has brought happiness to hundreds of anxious women. I have never had a single failure; no other doctor can say this. Longest cases relieved in from 3 to 5 days without fail. No pain, no danger, no interference with work; price $2 by mailer at office. Consultation free. All letters truthfully answered. Dr. Tolmah Co., 170 Tremont street, Boston.

FOR SALE—Near Gorham street and city line, 95 acres of land; lots of wood and timber, and lots of good tillage land. This is a bargain. Price $2000. G. L. Hubbard, 191 Central street.

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE LOWELL Cycle Co. will send for your wheel, store and clean it for the winter. 29 Post Office ave.

SIGNS At lowest prices at Spooner's, 22 Middle street.

PROFITABLE HOME WORK—We want a few men or women in every town, to make novelties for us at their homes; can work day or evening or spare time, and make $6 to $18 weekly, according to the time devoted to the work; experience unnecessary; no canvassing; steady employment the year around; plain instructions and work sent to your home on application. BRAZILIAN M'F'G CO., N. Y. City.

MONEY TO LOAN
We loan money on good SECOND MORTGAGES. We also make building loans and buy houses for you on the "Week pays for home" plan. AMERICAN INVESTORS' CO., 107 Central Street, Lowell. Office hours 2 to 6 p. m.

SPECIAL FOR CHRISTMAS
The most useful and durable present is an Indelible Marker for Linen in Pocket Pencil Stamp. Price of each, complete, 75c. Family Printing Outfits from 25c. to $3. Boys' Handy Printer 25c. Everything in the line of RUBBER STAMPS at wholesale prices.
J. M. YELLOWS, 158 Merrimack St.

James Walsh,
Florist and nursery man, also landscape gardener. Floral designs for all occasions. Choice cut flowers always on hand. Plants, trees, shrubs, etc. Westford street cars pass our conservatories.
CONCRETE paver and dealer in coal, tar and pitch. Orders solicited for putting down sidewalks, garden walks, warehouse and stable floors, street pavements, etc., etc., also asphalt and gravel roofing. 355 Highland Avenue, Lowell, Mass.

LAMPS AND LANTERNS
FOR
House, Mill, Stable
Carriage
And out-of-door use. Lantern Globes in white, red and blue. Parts of Lanterns lost or destroyed, furnished.
C. B. COBURN & CO.
63 TO 67 MARKET STREET.

DR. WALKER, DENTIST

SUFFOLK LOAN CO.
(CORPORATION.)
345 Washington Street, Boston, up one flight. (Near entrance to Boston Tavern.)
MONEY TO LOAN
At legal rates of interest on diamonds, watches, jewelry, life insurance policies, legacies, shares, bonds or any other good security.

DR. DONEHUE, DENTIST

THE FARRAGUT HOUSE
Henry W. Garrity, Prop.
CENTRAL STREET, LOWELL, MASS.
Opposite Old Boston & Maine Depot.
The house is now under a new management, thoroughly refitted and refurnished, with all the modern improvements, steam heat and electric call bells in each room. Electric cars pass the door every few minutes. Choice cigars in sample room. Special rates to the profession.
M. H. Carey (Clerks) H. Garvais.

Now is the Time
TO BUY A
Richmond Range
If your old range is not giving satisfaction buy a RICHMOND RANGE before the coming of the severely cold weather. You will save money in doing so.
Floor Coverings of All Descriptions at the Lowest Prices
Come and see our Heating Stoves. You will wonder how we sell them so cheap.
General Furniture Satisfactory in Quality and Price.
PETER DAVEY,
134 Market Street - - - Opposite Palmer
TELEPHONE, RESIDENCE—458-2. STORE—314-2.

COME ON. COME ON. EVERYBODY COME.
See our Elegant Stock of Fine Young
Turkeys, Chickens, Ducks, Geese
Finest, Cleanest, Best Stock of Birds in the City. You should look at them, you must look at them, if you want the nicest, cleanest, fowl you have bought in many a year. Prices are of no account. We have got the goods to sell, and sell we must.
Diamond Medal Flour, $4.75 Bbl., 60c. Bag. Best Flour in Lowell. Take a turn towards our store,
Central Cash Market
Cor. Central and Charles Streets.
Tel., 800-3.—Branch N. Billerica.

If You Are Buying.... Christmas Presents
Don't Forget That we Carry a Large Line of
Jardinieres, Lamps, Dinner, Tea and Toilet Sets, Chinaware, Vases, Dolls, Toys, Sleds, at 50 per cent. less than down town prices.
O'BRIEN BROS., TEA DEALERS,
77 East Merrimack Street.

Look Out for Lower Prices on
POULTRY
The Market Breaking.

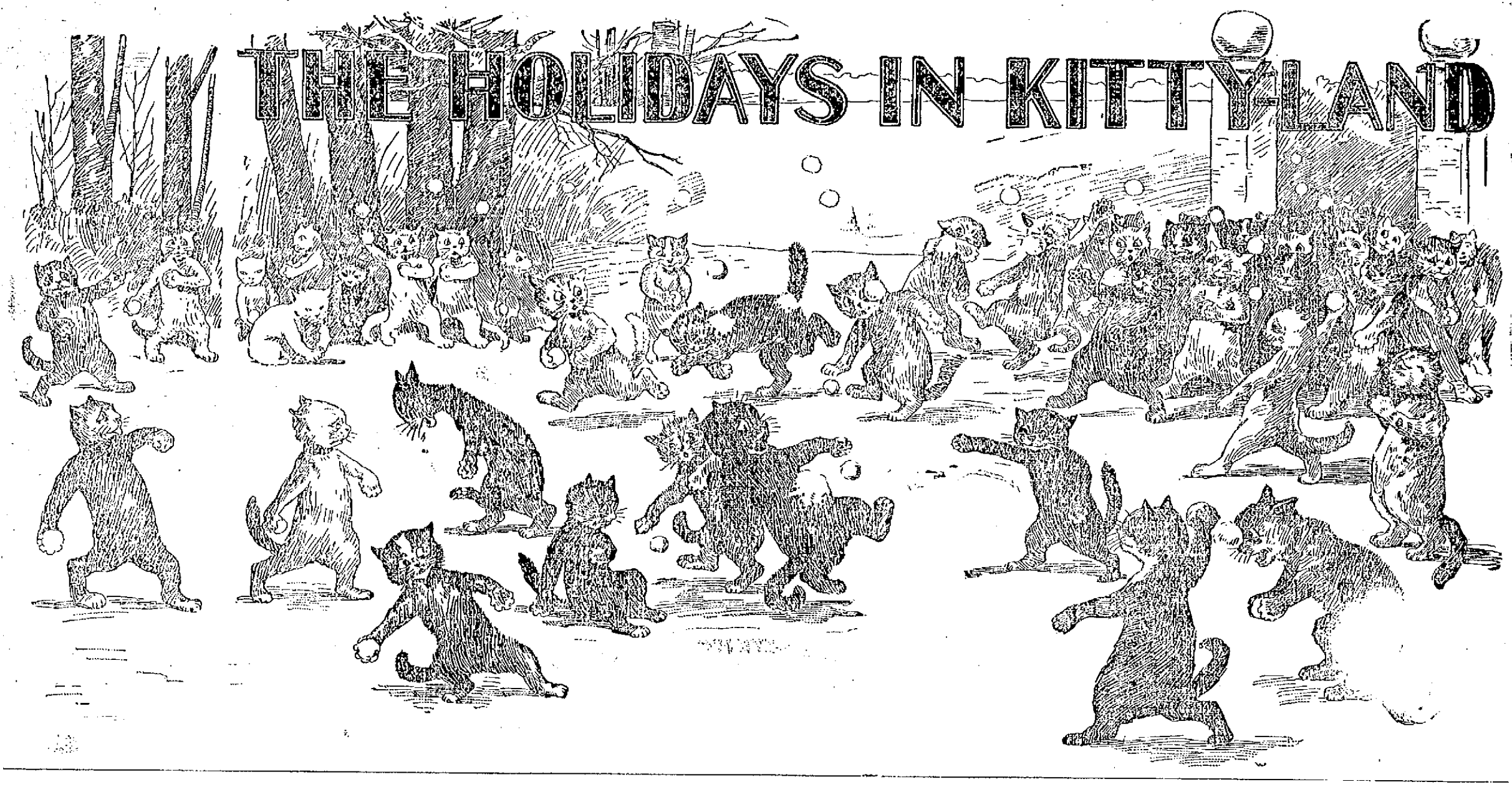
Banner Market Grocery
68, 70, 72 Prescott Street,

TEETH No Charge For Extracting
Every set warranted to be the same teeth that other dentists ask $10 and $18 for, and every set warranted to fit. Gold Fillings and Gold Crown work a specialty. Teeth filled with Gold by Electricity. No pain. Teeth Extracted Without Pain by our new method. Thirty years' experience. Artificial teeth without plates, also Roofless Plates. Teeth extracted and replaced the same day as extracted, no need of going without. No Sunday work. Office hours: 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. Not open evenings. DR. J. K. BICKELL & SON, Painless Dentists, Rooms 94, 95, 96, Hunods' Bld'g, cor. Mer'k & Bridge.
$5 to $10 a Set

IN TRIMMED MILLINERY
The season is now at its height. The styles have reached their full development. The ripened fruit of our best millinery efforts is now laid before you in assortments that any store may justly be proud of, and at prices that are shorn of all fancy profits. We can satisfy your every possible want, for there is practically nothing really desirable in millinery that you will not find on our counters.
For this week we offer some values that fairly sparkle with attractiveness.
HEAD & SHAW, THE MILLINERS.
169 MERRIMACK STREET.

P. F. Devine's Branch, 88 Merrimack Street.
BAGS, TRUNKS, DRESS SUIT CASES.
In fact everything the well equipped traveler requires, at special "OPENING" prices. Our 304 Market street store is not abandoned. In both stores a full and complete line of latest style leather goods.

THE HOLIDAYS IN KITTYLAND



DECIDEDLY ENGLISH, YOU KNOW.

"If I were to tell you, Miss Wynne, that I was suffering from an intense desire, which could only be alleviated by a closer proximity to those ruby lips, what would you say?"

"I should say—Oh, curate!"

NO CHANCE FOR GLORY.

O'Toole—Shure an it's little use to folght wid a nayghur! Two black eyes hov Oi given this wan an divil a bit does he show it!—New York Evening Journal.

A Sorry Combination.

With something like abject despair
A woman's heart is filled
Whenever on her tea gown rare
A drop of coffee's spilled.

Miss Molly.

Miss Molly went ter meetin—
De sweetes' gal in town.
De preacher stop his preachin,
De mo'ners all look roun!

Oh, Miss Molly,
Heah's de fines' pew;
De angels all a-peepin
En smilin down at you!

Miss Molly went ter meetin—
De organ start ter play
Des like it wuz a-sayin,
"I glad you come dis way!"

Oh, Miss Molly,
Heah's de fines' pew;
De angels all a-peepin
En smilin down at you!
—Atlanta Constitution.

Delicate Hearing.

Pat—Me horse has got the most dilicate sinse of hearin in the world. Why, he can hear the command to stop even before I git the word out of me mouth!—London Judy.

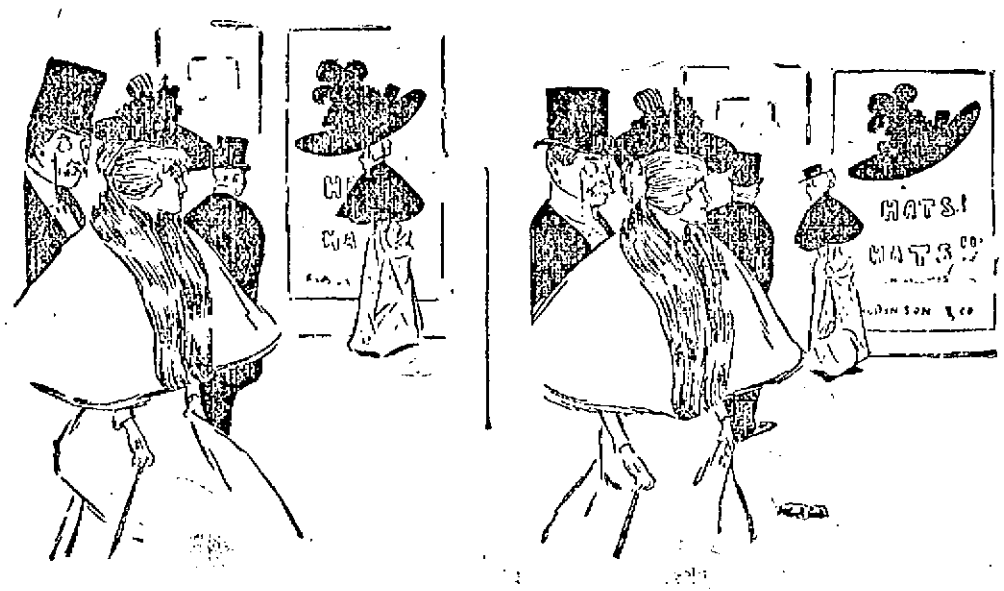
Working Class Cats.

"Those new neighbors must be very ordinary people."

"Why?"

"Their cats catch mice."—Chicago Record.

AN UP TO DATE ILLUSION.



"Good gracious! Look over there at that girl's hat!"

"Surely the limit has at last been reached!"

Narrow Escape.

If all the world should love us,
How full were sorrow's cup!
The cash we'd spend at Christmas
Would simply break us up.
—Chicago Record.

Here Information.

Bobby—Popper, what does "not valiant" mean?

Mr. Ferry—The fellow who stays all through on a bob flush is one of 'em.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Violet scent suits many people,
New mown hay some folk admire.
Give me, as a winter perfume,
Apples roasting by the fire.

Polk Miller Is In Town.

Polk Miller, with his banjo—
He knocks the numbers down,
And the happy folks are singing,
"Polk Miller is in town!"

He comes from old Virginny—
A smile gives for a frown;
It's glory, hallelujah!
Polk Miller is in town!
—Atlanta Constitution.

It's a Might.

The reason table etiquette
A starving boy provokes
Is 'cause it wasn't made, you bet,
By very hungry folks.
—L. A. W. Bulletin.

Which?

In trying to decide if "wound"
Is most correctly rhymed with "swooned"
Or else with words like "found" and "sound"
The poet's head goes round and round.
—New York Evening Journal.

Our Deference For Age.

"Mark Twain says that humorous lecturing isn't becoming to one of his years."

"Perhaps he thinks we wouldn't have the heart to laugh at his gray hairs."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

NOT HER FAULT.

Mistress: "Bridget, I can't have my kitchen crowded with your company all the time."

Bridget: "Sure and it's yer own fault, mum! Yez should have engaged a plainer person than meself."

With His Uncle.

Bill—Have you got a watch?
Jill—Certainly.
"Is it going?"
"Not with me."—Exchange.

Aristocracy of Dolldom.

"My doll can shut her eyes and go to sleep just lovely."

"Huh! My doll never goes to sleep at all. She's got insomnier."—Chicago Record.

Internal Uprisings.

My trip across the sea would bring
Sweet thoughts that I might treasure
Had it not been that many a thing
Came up to mar my pleasure.
—L. A. W. Bulletin.

Good Talker.

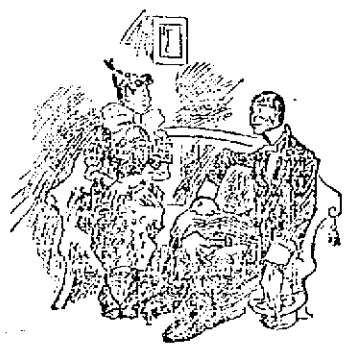
Bill—Is your wife much of a conversationalist?

Jill—Is she? Why, that woman can't yawn without opening her mouth about it!—Yonkers Statesman.

His Poor Argument.

"Your money is nothing at all to me!"
The lover impatiently cried.
"Then get out; you haven't a business head!"
Her rich old father replied.

PUNISHMENT ENOUGH.



Julia Shea—Phwat pinance did Father McCarthy give yez phwin yez towld him yez kissed me?

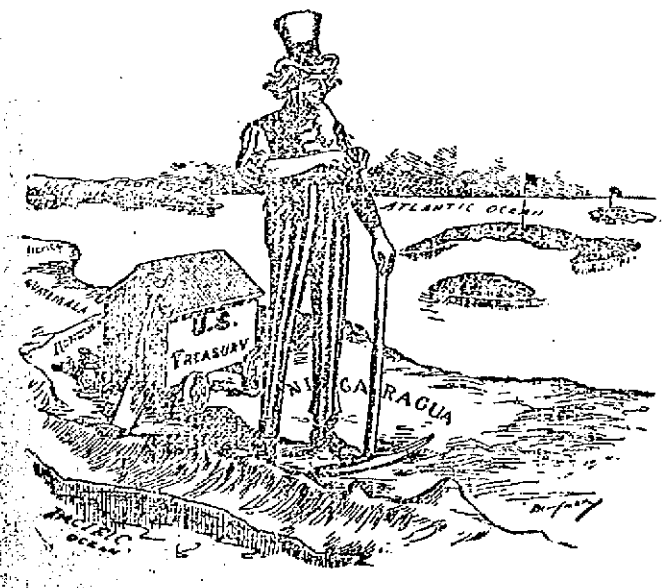
Mike Ryan—Divil th' bit. He sed Oi had done me pinance at th' toime!—Up to Date.

An Object of Pursuit.

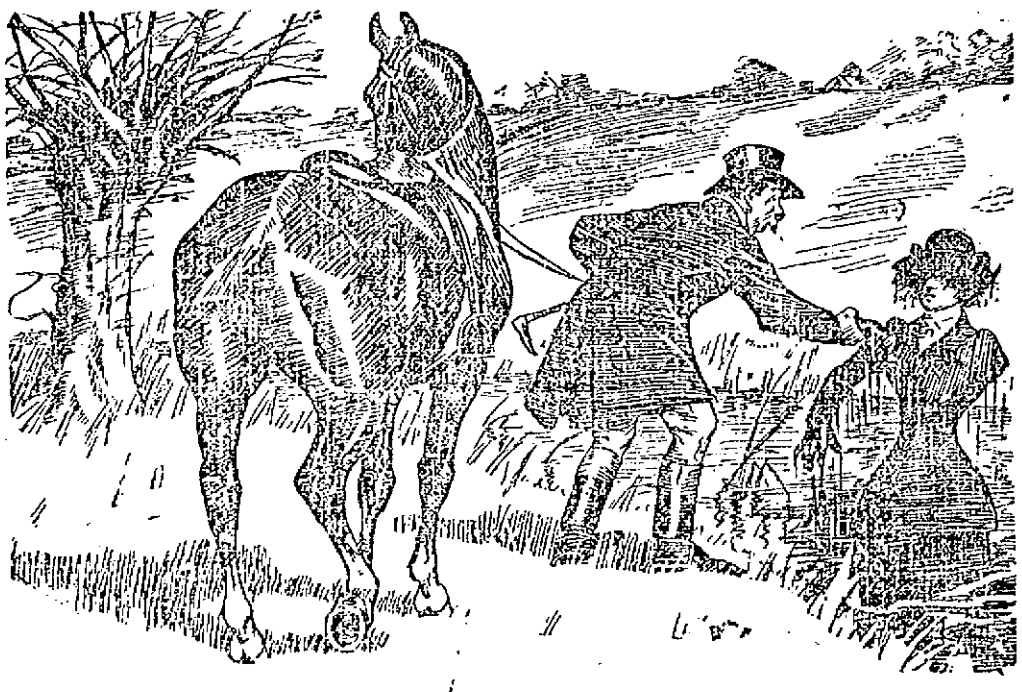
"It is money that makes a man important."

"I don't know; it seems to me I'm of more importance when I haven't any money."—Chicago Record.

A MIGHTY TIMELY QUOTATION.

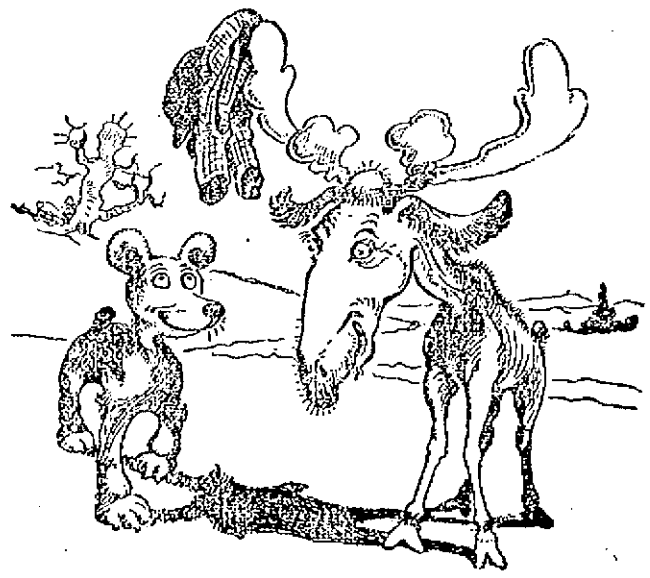


Your Uncle Sam has successfully tackled bigger undertakings than this.



Brown (helping lady out of water); "'Pon my word, Miss Smith, you remind me exactly of what's her name rising from the what you call it!"

WANTED—AN OWNER.



"Say, Bruin, if you happen to see a scared looking hunter about just tell him to come back and get his trousers!"

LEO AND THE WAR

His Holiness Opposed to Extermination.

A RAP AT THE ITALIAN REGIME.

He Claims Further Rigors Threaten the Clergy.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Rome, Dec. 24.—The pope, at the reception of the Christmas greetings of the cardinals and other prelates, yesterday, appeared to be in excellent health. Replying to their congratulations, he referred to the "sinister events of 1898," and said it was high time the governments of Europe unite to stop "unheard of outrages and savage exterminations." But, the pontiff added, this could not be expected "until the fear of God, the basis of all morality, is revived in the conscience of the people and becomes the guiding principle of the organization of states."

In regard to the present position of the church in Italy the pope pointed out that the symptoms were not reassuring for the new year. He added that the conditions imposed upon the head of the church, in violation of his dignity and rights, "were not enough, for now it was sought to cast odium upon the press which openly espoused the defense of his interests and the interests of religion and morality."

Continuing, the pontiff remarked: "Further rigors threaten the clergy, although they are the class furthest removed from seditious designs. The obedience of the clergy to the apostolic see, whose rights they defended and whose intentions they seconded, is now being construed as a political offense. Nevertheless, imbued with the sense of their high mission and duty, the clergy will not yield either to flatteries or menaces, and their firmness is finding response in numerous laymen, deeply imbued with love for the papacy. It is thus, by the co-operation of the clergy and laity, that the salvation of coming generations is assured."

THE CLAYTON-BULWER TREATY.

London, Dec. 24.—The question of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty is freely discussed in this morning's papers. The Daily News and Daily Chronicle publish editorials asserting that Lord Salisbury ought to get some concession in return for consenting to abrogation. The Daily Chronicle points out that the canal would make the United States a great naval power in the far east, increase American naval strength in the Atlantic and alter to England's disadvantage the carrying trade to the far east.

A GERMAN TRICK.

London, Dec. 24.—The Washington government, according to a dispatch from Auckland, has instructed the United States consul to Samoa to act with greater vigilance and not to entrust his duties to his British and German colleagues. It appears the German agent has taken advantage of his colleagues' confidence to land guns and munitions of war without their knowledge, and also to obtain important advantages for German firms.

A QUESTION OF DOUBT.

Berlin, Dec. 24.—At the annual convention of the Conservative party in East Prussia yesterday, Count Klinkowstroem, referring to the meat inspection law, said that when Dr. Von Holleben, German ambassador for the United States, was asked how the United States would receive the bill, he replied that the Americans were "very sensitive with regard to petty vexations," but that, if a strong law were adopted, they would "quietly yield."

WILL LEAVE GERMANY.

Berlin, Dec. 25.—Frank Knaak of New York city, who was recently tried by the provincial court on the charge of lese majeste, in referring to Emperor William as a "sheepshead," and who was acquitted on the ground that he was intoxicated when he committed the offense, will leave for the United States next week.

SAGASTA SERIOUSLY SICK.

Madrid, Dec. 24.—The condition of Senor Sagasta, the premier, now causes grave anxiety. Six physicians were in consultation yesterday afternoon regarding his condition and concurred that he is suffering from bronchial pneumonia, with high temperature and an unfavorable absence of expectoration. The newspapers express great anxiety.

AMERICAN BID ACCEPTED.

London, Dec. 24.—The government of Victoria, according to a special dispatch from Melbourne, has accepted the tender of the Pennsylvania and Maryland Steel company for 35,000 tons of steel rails at £15,000 sterling below the English tender.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

The French chamber of deputies adopted a bill imposing a stamp duty of 1 percent on foreign securities.

Tom Broderick and Charlie McKeever fought a rattling six-round bout at Philadelphia. McKeever had the better of the fight.

The widow and daughter of General Calixto Garcia have been left in poverty and Cuban patriotic societies are contributing to their relief.

Mrs. George Bryan, residing in Thornton, Mass., committed suicide by shooting. Despondency, on account of ill health, is supposed to have prompted the act.

The residence of City Clerk Crawford of Pawtucket, R. I., was entered by unknown parties and property to the value of $100 taken.

Captain Henry D. Barry, assistant director, naval intelligence department, British admiralty, has been appointed to the command of the British squadron in Newfoundland waters, the appointment to go into effect next season.

CASTORIA.
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

NEVER EQUALLED.

Present Month's Business Memorable In Country's History.

New York, Dec. 24.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: It is a year beyond parallel, and goes to its close with the biggest volume of business ever seen. Enormous transactions at the Stock Exchange make some difference, as do heavy railroad earnings, but when all the transporting and speculative interests are eliminated there is still a much larger business than in any other month of any year. Last year the exports were in volume greater than in any previous month in the history of the country, but this year the three weeks' report shows an increase of 25 percent against 9 percent in imports, which would indicate much more than $70,000,000 excess of exports this month. Until now no greater volume of business has ever been done in the history of this country than in the closing month of this year.

Little need be said of the stock market, which has been so strong this week and for weeks before that none could lose except the sellers.

Shipments of wheat have been 4,285,704 bushels, flour included, at Atlantic ports, against 3,698,321 last year, although western receipts for three weeks have been 25,039,581 bushels, against 10,309,929 last year. Corn exports also have been 3,824,536 bushels, against 4,540,613 last year, and for the month thus far 11,012,138, against 10,867,407 last year. The price has advanced about 2¾ cents, but the continued foreign demand is astonishing.

If the cotton manufacture takes a leading place this year it is not merely because raw cotton is an eighth lower than a year ago, nor because prospects for buyers are thought good. The manufacture has been much expanded by increased demands, so that prices of nearly all the goods quoted in our report have advanced more or less, and there is a feeling that with unreasonable accumulation of print cloths out of the way, there is a brighter prospect for all goods.

Sales of wool have been large, with small as well as large manufacturers buying freely, which indicates a general improvement in the demand for goods, although not enough as yet to lift prices.

The shipments of boots and shoes from the east have been smaller than in December of last year to date, and yet larger than in any other year, exceeding those of 1892 by 14,690 cases.

The story of iron is like a dream. Eastern sales are so numerous and so large as to raise the price 25 cents. There is an enormous demand for finished products. All this business is done with full belief that the next year's demand will be greater than ever before, and it is creditable that so little advance in prices of finished products has been made. The range of prices is nearly 20 percent lower than in 1892, indicating an astonishing increase in the quantity of products exchanged.

How Europe will be able to pay more than $75,000,000 due on merchandise account for the month of December, besides the enormous balances due for November and previous months, is a question which the country can afford to consider at its leisure and with comfort.

Failures for the month thus far have been in amount $9,172,638, manufacturing $3,672,700, and trading $5,016,698. Failures for the week have been 268, against 293 in the United States last year, and 31 in Canada, against 33 last year.

NOT A PRIZE OF WAR.

Charleston, Dec. 24.—In the United States district court here yesterday, Judge Brawley handed down a decision discharging the Olindo Rodriguez, the French steamship made a prize of war by the cruiser New Orleans on July 17. The ship belonged to the Trans-Atlantic line. Judge Brawley released the ship on the ground that the blockade of San Juan was not effective on July 5, in the sense in which the term is accepted by nations.

SHUTDOWN AT AVON.

Avon, Mass., Dec. 24.—The shoe workers in L. G. Littlefield's factory have been given a surprise. The various departments began to finish up work on Wednesday, and last night the bottoming department got through. Many of the men have been told to take away their kits, which is equivalent to a discharge. The reason given is that the factory will shut down for the usual stock taking. The date of reopening the factory is not known.

STRING OF DENIALS.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Cordelia Botkin was on the witness stand in her own defense yesterday. She emphatically denied that she wrote anonymous letters sent Mrs. Dunning, or that she mailed the candy which caused the death of Mrs. Dunning and Mrs. Dean. She denied that she purchased the handkerchief sent Mrs. Dunning's little daughter, or that she purchased any candy at Haas' store, from which the candy came.

WELCOME TIDINGS.

Rockland, Me., Dec. 24.—News was received here yesterday of the safety of the schooner Yankee Maid, which had not been heard from for 43 days, and which, it was feared, had been lost. A letter was received from the captain, who says that he is at Anderson's cove, N. F., where he has been loading frozen herring. As he was 100 miles from a post-office he was unable to communicate with relatives here until this week.

WHAT WAS ALREADY KNOWN.

Boston, Dec. 24.—Trial Justice Merrill of Peabody has filed his finding on the death of Mary Louise Hurley of that town, killed on Dec. 1. After reciting briefly the facts, the justice finds that Mary Louise Hurley came to her death in consequence of an assault made upon her by her mother.

PUBLIC ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE.

New York, Dec. 24.—Frank Haspkins, a machinist, made a desperate attempt to commit suicide last night by flinging himself in front of a Third avenue cable car at the corner of Ninth street. The car was stopped before he was seriously injured, but he may lose one of his feet as the result of his action. Haspkins is 32 years old, and says his home is in Providence.

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STEAMERS CLASH

Killing One Man and Wounding Many.

RYAN KNOCKED OUT DICK O'BRIEN.

B. D. O'Connell's Petition for Freedom Refused.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

New York, Dec. 24.—The Wilson line steamer Idaho, which arrived Thursday from Hull, Eng., with her bows damaged by striking an unknown obstruction and her forepeak full of water, met with further misfortune in the upper bay yesterday by collision, in which one of her crew was killed and a second fatally injured. The Idaho came to anchor off Liberty island, and was instructed to dock at pier No. 2, Wilson's stores. As she was getting under way and swung into the channel, she was struck a glancing blow on the starboard bow by the steamship Flowergate, outward bound on her way to Philadelphia.

Four plates of the Idaho's bow were crushed in, one of them being pushed entirely into the forecastle, where William Smith and John Burch, firemen, were sleeping. The plate crushed Smith against the side of his berth, nearly decapitating him, and killing him instantly. It also caught Burch in the lower berth, breaking his collar bone and so badly injuring him internally that he will die. The Flowergate was not injured. The Idaho proceeded to her dock in Brooklyn.

'TWAS RYAN'S FIGHT.

Hartford, Dec. 24.—Tommy Ryan of Syracuse proved too much for Dick O'Brien of Boston at the Coliseum last night. The police interfered in the 14th round and saved O'Brien from an actual knockout, but so far as practical purposes were concerned he was out. Ryan had floored him a few seconds before with a right hand swing on the jaw, and Dick got on his feet again just as Referee Roche counted seven. The fight had been all knocked out of him. He was helpless, and Ryan again floored him with a vicious right hand swing. Dick came to time once more, only to fall a victim to a hard uppercut. Then Chief of Police Bill jumped into the ring and stopped the bout, Roche awarding the fight to Ryan. The action of the police was generally approved as preventing unnecessary brutality. It was Ryan's fight all the way through.

NO HABEAS CORPUS.

Boston, Dec. 24.—In the United States district court yesterday Judge Lowell dismissed the petition brought by Bernard D. O'Connel of Lowell for the writ of habeas corpus for release from the East Cambridge house of correction. O'Connel is serving out a sentence imposed in January last by the state superior court, imprisoning him one year and fining him $500 for being concerned in the bribery of city officials of Lowell. He has served out the year's imprisonment. As on Dec. 12 last he received a discharge in bankruptcy, he claimed this relieved him from payment of the fine, on the ground that the fine was a debt provable against his estate in bankruptcy.

EDITOR SENT TO JAIL.

Boston, Dec. 24.—In the Norfolk county superior court yesterday Torrey E. Wardner, the editor of the Boston Traveler, was sentenced to serve 30 days in Dedham jail by Judge Sherman for contempt of court in allowing to be published in his paper comments and editorials on the Getchell manslaughter case. These statements, in the court's opinion, would have influenced the minds of the jury, had the newspaper containing the matter reached the courthouse before the case was submitted for final consideration. Mr. Wardner intends to make a test case of the matter and fight it to the end. He is not disposed to find any fault with his sentence.

WITHOUT RESULT.

Marlboro, Mass., Dec. 24.—A meeting held yesterday afternoon was attended by the clergymen of all denominations in the city and many business men, at which the entire labor situation was discussed at considerable length. Many questions were asked and answered, but no formal action was taken as a result of the conference. The Upper Leather Cutters' union yesterday voted, 18 to 10, to surrender their charter. The union officials assert that as long as 10 members stand together the charter cannot be surrendered. The manufacturers, on the other hand, claim that the action of the cutters is evidence that they are weakening.

CAR MEN ARRESTED.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 24.—State Detective Murray and Inspector O'Day of the local police force went to Spencer yesterday and arrested Conductor Michael Galvin and Motorman Thomas Hiney, the crew in charge of the vestibule car which figured in the street car accident in Leicester on Wednesday afternoon. The prisoners furnished bonds in the sum of $5000. They will be charged with manslaughter, in causing the death of Walter H. Holbrook and John J. Kerrigan, the two victims of the disaster.

A DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY.

Boston, Dec. 24.—The official recount of votes for Frederick W. Day, Democrat, and George U. Crocker, Republican, candidates for aldermen, was completed last night, and shows that Day is elected by 97 plurality. The incoming board will, therefore, be composed of 7 Democrats and 6 Republicans.

FRAUD ALLEGED.

Milwaukee, Dec. 24.—Charles Stolper, John Stolper and Charles Stolper, Jr., who conduct the large cooperage works of the Charles Stolper Cooperage company in this city, were arrested yesterday, charged with using a stamp in imitation of that of the Coopers' union on kegs sent out from their shops. The concern is one of the largest of its kind in the country, and does business all over the United States. It makes barrels and kegs by machinery with non-union operators for the machines.

CURRENT EVENTS

CHILDREN AND THE GRIP

Danger Lies In Serious Complications That May Follow.

EVERY CASE SHOULD BE ISOLATED.

The Disease Is More Contagious In Children Than Among Adults—Temperature Should Be Uniformly Warm During the Whole Day—How to Secure Free Ventilation—Diet For the Patients—Symptoms of the Disease.

Grip is usually kind to children. The danger in childhood lies chiefly in serious complications that may follow, which are pneumonia, inflammation of the ear, difficulty with the glands of the body and disorders of the stomach and intestines. Acute grip leads to the development of tuberculosis in the young as often as does measles. Among children it may appear under one of three forms. The nervous, as in the epidemic of 1889-90, characterized by great depression and severe pains in the head, spinal region and muscles; the catarrhal form, marked by coryza and tendency to congestion of the mucous tract, and the gastric type, the one most commonly seen in childhood, marked by symptoms of gastrointestinal disturbance. These three forms have been observed in the children of one household, under one roof. The invasion is typically sudden, often accompanied by vertigo and nausea and sometimes actual vomiting of bilious matter. There are pains in the limbs and a general aching all over, with nearly always pains in the eyeballs and frontal headache. Some cases present cold shiverings; others actual delirium, with intense bodily weakness. The cough is usually worse at night and toward early morning. There may be wheezing and blood stained expectoration. Pulmonary susceptibility is particularly apparent. There are often eruptions that are very puzzling. Grip in children may appear at first to be pneumonia, scarlet fever, meningitis or measles.

Isolate every case among children. Put them immediately to bed. Mild cases run their course in from three to seven days. The disease is more contagious than among adults. Always remember the peculiar susceptibility to lung trouble in the young who have grip. The temperature should be uniformly warm during the entire 24 hours. Have a board five inches high and as wide as the window placed under the lowest sash of the window farthest from the bed to insure free ventilation. From the outset the diet should consist of strong broths, meat essences, milk, etc., with bits of ice to relieve the thirst.

Alcohol is seldom necessary during the first stage of fever, but when it subsides the pulse is usually weak, and stimulants are required in full doses. Iced champagne is often grateful to the little patient. Grip is a disease of great enfeeblement. A teaspoonful of brandy may be required every hour or second hour for a child 8 years old in the stage of depression. Sleeplessness is best combated by a hot mustard footbath and Dover's powder. The feverish stage requires special treatment as circumstances arise.

Three conditions remain in children as grip passes off—want of appetite, irritability of the stomach and a lingering paroxysmal cough. Each requires special attention and care. A warm, dry climate is sometimes the only thing that will relieve the cough, an expensive yet imperative luxury. Immediately after the more painful manifestations of the disease have passed in every case extract of malt and pepsin, cordial in equal parts and a small amount of elixir of buck, iron and strychnine, in addition to a generous diet and tonic treatment, act well.

Remember that every case of grip, measles and whooping cough in children may so reduce the child as to make way readily for tuberculosis, though grip in itself is usually of small moment during childhood.—New York Journal.

Preserving Order In Manila.

A story concerning the American troops in Manila is told by an English naval officer, who was an eyewitness to the occurrence. "The city was quite crowded," he says, "with both American and Spanish soldiers, and they seemed to be on the friendliest terms. As I was crossing one of the numerous bridges across the Pasig river I saw a native Filipino spit in the face of a Spanish officer and then run to the American sentinel who was guarding the bridge, demanding his protection. It was some time before the Filipino could make himself understood, and the sentry took some time to grasp what had been done, but you can imagine my surprise when he handed his gun to the Spanish officer and caught the native by the nape of the neck and the seat of his trousers and pitched him off the bridge into the Pasig river. Then he calmly took his gun from the Spanish officer and began pacing the beat as if nothing had happened."—Pall Mall Gazette.

Microbes to Steal Away Pain.

A German dentist, Dr. Herz, proposes to put microbes into our mouths to steal away our pains. His discovery consists in an inoculant prepared from microbes he cultivates for the purpose. When applied in the case of a decayed tooth, it stops the pain, but does not destroy the nerve; further, it again fixes the tooth and makes it possible to put in a lasting stopping. He has already treated a number of cases with it, and they have proved most successful.—Chicago Tribune.

Origin of Man.

A German professor has traced the origin of man back to the shark. Perhaps the professor got his first clew from man's commercial tr[illegible]ions.—Indianapolis News.

UNIQUE GIFT FOR BOSTON.

Souvenirs of Robert Louis Stevenson Given by His Widow.

Robert Louis Stevenson's stepson and colaborer, Lloyd Osborn, is the medium through which the Boston Public library is soon to come into possession of a unique collection of Stevensonia. It is the gift of Mrs. Stevenson to the city which her husband had never visited, but in which he numbered many of his warmest friends, met all over the world, in the novelist's long quest for health.

The collection consists of the original blocks of the wood cuts with which Mr. Stevenson's merry but unskilled hand illustrated a set of chapbooks which he

MRS. ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON.

and Mr. Osborn put together while at a Swiss health resort. It was purely for the purpose of whiling away the long winter evenings that Mr. Stevenson and Lloyd Osborn, then only a lad, set up the toy printing shop, and their temporary home, in Davos Platz. In 1881 they printed the first of their little chapbooks, among them "Moral Emblems," "The Graver and the Pen," "The Blue Sculper," "Not I and Other Poems" and "The Black Canyon." The last was by Mr. Osborn. Some of the verses have amusing titles, such as "The Industrious Pirate," "The Pirate and Apothecary" and "Lord Nelson and the Tar."

A cable dispatch accepting the gift and the conditions was sent to Mr. Osborn recently.—New York Times.

OUR MINISTERS IN DEMAND.

The English People Are Eager to Hear Americans Preach.

Letters are coming from England to ministers not alone in New York, but all over the country, expressing a desire to know when the recipients expect to visit England; or to learn of any of their ministerial friends who expect to cross the ocean. The churches of England and Scotland, and to some extent those of Canada and the English speaking contingents in Rome, Paris and Berlin, have recently developed a wonderful desire to hear American preachers. The demand does not seem to be for Americans as permanent pastors, but rather as supplies for special occasions and for evangelistic services.

A "broker" in ministerial supplies has even set up in business in London with the express purpose of securing American clergymen to fill English and Scottish pulpits. This broker is now sending to clergymen on this side of the Atlantic letters asking about vacation plans for next summer. In a burst of confidence the information is given that a man need not have a national reputation in America in order to get into the best pulpits in England just now. Almost anything is in demand that bears the American label.

This feeling in a strong measure is supposed to have sprung from the unusual warmth of feeling shown by Great Britain during the recent war for the people of the United States. A prominent clergyman of New York said recently: "Who would have thought that our controversy with Spain would have made it possible for American ministers to take a tour abroad, to the Holy Land as well perhaps, and pay the entire way of themselves and families by supplying pulpits in England and on the continent? But it can be done. The Protestant clergyman who does not go abroad now, or at least next summer, does not deserve a second opportunity. The demand at the present time is enormous. I am besought in all directions, not always to come myself, but to give information of others who are to visit England."—New York Times.

Paid For Doing Good Work.

The Swedes have a custom which might profitably be copied by other nations. In the mines of that country the workmen have their tools sharpened by a special blacksmith, and he is paid not by the number of tools sharpened, but by the number of yards bored by the miners whose implements he has sharpened during the month. Thus when the smith is skillful and does his best he makes more money than he does when his work is not well done, and there is a decided gain all around.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Our Dead.

We have gathered and buried with honor
the men in blue who fell,
And their scattered resting places we
have guarded and cared for well,
And now there has dawned upon us an
epoch making day
When the head of the nation asks us to
as tenderly care for the gray.

And we who fought and slew them, we,
as one man, reply
To the noble, generous impulse with a
comrade's hearty aye.
Wherever through all the country a soldier's grave is found
Henceforth—the country says it—it shall
be sacred ground.

And every grave shall be tended and
strewn alike with flowers.
Henceforth our dead are your dead, henceforth your dead are ours;
Henceforth with them deep buried all
strife, all hatred lies,
And together we turn to the future undaunted, trustful eyes.
—Archibald Hopkins in Cincinnati Enquirer.

FOU[illegible] STREET.

PICTET FREEZING CURE.

Famous Swiss Savant's Latest Remedy For Lung Diseases.

REMARKABLE CURES REPORTED.

Treatment Invented by This Chevalier of the Legion of Honor Is Given In a Fur Lined Well Surrounded by an Icy Liquid Gas—He Claims Much For It.

M. Raoul Pictet, a famous Swiss savant, chevalier of the Legion of Honor, discoverer of the liquefaction of oxygen and member of more than 40 scientific societies in France and Germany, has come to America to demonstrate to physicians and scientists here what he is convinced is a cure for diseases of the lungs, the stomach, the circulation and the kidneys.

"La frigotherapie," the name of his new discovery, may perhaps be roughly translated in English as the "freezing cure," although, as M. Pictet does not speak English, he was unable to give me an idiomatic English translation of the French term. The necessary machinery, he said, consists of a well of metal lined with thick furs, into which the patient descends, the depth being about five feet. This well is surrounded by an outer shell, while the cavity between the outer and inner walls is filled with a combination of sulphurous and carbonic acids, known to the scientific world as "liquide Pictet," after its discoverer. This gas is kept in a liquid state at 110 degrees below zero and is continually forced into the cavity by specially constructed pumps.

Curious and incomprehensible as the fact may seem, M. Pictet says the patient surrounded by the furs and the icy liquid has no impression of cold whatever, and, in fact, his temperature rises after three seconds' treatment, increasing from one-half to one degree in five minutes. A period of treatment ranging from 5 to 15 minutes is always sufficient for the time being, the number of needful repetitions varying in each individual case. M. Pictet says he himself, after 16 years of illness, was cured after eight descents into "the well." The Prince of Servia, he says, was absolutely cured by six descents after 20 years of continuous ill health.

M. Pictet told me the other evening, through the medium of an interpreter, that he had made his discovery of the beneficial effects of the "liquide Pictet" some six years ago and had waited for years in order to procure a thorough and scientific test of the new process by recognized physicians. In 1896 MM. Cordes and Chossat, two prominent scientific medical men of Geneva, took up the investigation of M. Pictet's well and for the last two years have devoted their entire time to this study. Their report was published about two months ago and is a remarkable document.

According to this report, 200 persons suffering from various afflictions of the lungs, stomach, nerves and kidneys were subjected to every possible physiological test in connection with the results of descents into the "Pictet well," while many others were examined less rigorously, and the astounding statement is made that in every single case the treatment was absolutely successful and the particular disease cured. A quarter of an hour after the descent one-half of the superfluous and disease breeding albumen, sugar or phosphates in the body have entirely disappeared, and the appetite of the patient has been materially increased.

M. Pictet assured me that he had not made known his discovery to the world before because he wished scientific and exhaustive research to prove the value of his discovery. He believes that in five or six years every town of 10,000 inhabitants will possess one of these wells, and estimates that it will take an outlay of $10,000,000 to install them throughout the United States, a complete apparatus, with the compressor and all the necessary machinery costing $50,000. While the cost of treatment was decided by the two doctors who conducted the tests in Geneva, one of whom, M. Pictet told me, had cured himself of chronic bronchitis by the "freezing cure," the poor of Geneva are receiving gratuitous treatment at the present time.

M. Pictet is sanguine as to the acceptance of his treatment by medical authorities in the United States, and believes that the "freezing cure" will be in general use in America in two or three years. The action of the well, M. Pictet says, is extremely rapid in all cases, and has been as successful in consumption as in other diseases, the effect being similar to the action of high mountain air on diseased lungs. M. Pictet has, however, adapted his "liquide Pictet" to other uses besides those of a medicinal and healing nature. By its aid, he says, he has been enabled to produce a highly refined and purified quality of acetylene gas, which, its inventor believes, will revolutionize the present methods of lighting, heating and motive power. Purifying the acetylene gas at a low temperature by the aid of the "liquide Pictet," a product is obtained that, its inventor asserts, will not explode, burns absolutely without smoke, and produces a light from 20 to 25 times more brilliant than that of ordinary illuminating gas. Scientific purity is attained at a temperature of 218 degrees below zero, while for the ordinary demands of commerce 110 degrees below zero is considered sufficient. A French company, organized to develop this purified acetylene gas, has been recently incorporated with a capital of $1,000,000. Fifty kilograms of "liquide Pictet" per hour are necessary for this refining process, the machine developing 80 horsepower and being valued at $200,000.—Cor. New York Herald.

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The 5.25 p. m. train connects with Stonington line for New York city, the south and west.

SUNDAYS—For South Framingham, Mansfield, Pawtucket, Providence and way-stations, 7.15 a. m. Return at 5.53 p. m., connecting for Worcester and return.

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Corrected to Oct. 3, 1898. Trains leave Merrimack Street Depot, Lowell, as follows: For Boston, 5.45, 6.55, †6.42, *7.45, *8.50, †9.15, *9.10, 11 a m; 1.40, †3.50, 4.36, †6.41 p m. SUNDAYS, 8.15 a m.

Trains leave Middlesex Street Station Lowell, as follows:

For Boston, 5.49, 6.36, †6.45, w6.50, 7.04, *7.30, *7.38, 7.83, *7.41, w*8.15, *3.67, †9.19, w9.25, *9.50, w10.60 11.00, *11.32 a m; w12.05, 12.16, w12.45, 1.18, w2.30, w*3.05, 3.10, *3.47, w4.03, 4.08, w5.10, 5.22, †5.43, w*6.15, *6.22, 7.00, *7.49, w8.23 p m. SUNDAYS, 7.00, 7.38, w8.15, 8.48, 9.10 a m, w12.06, w1.05, 4.25, w5.30, 5.53, w7.25 p m.

For Lawrence, 6.28, w6.60 z7.33, w8.30, w9.26, 10.05, w10.50 a m; w12.05, w2.30, w3.10, w4.05, 4.18, w5.10, w6.15, w7.00, w9.25, w11.25 p m. SUNDAYS, w8.15 a m, w12.06, w5.30, w7.25 p m.

For Salem, Mass, w6.28, 7.33 a m; w12.05, 1.38, w5.10, 6.53 p m.

For Haverhill, 6.23, 6.50, z7.33, 6.30, 9.25, 10.50 a m; 12.05, 2.30, 3.10, 4.05, 5.10, 6.15, 7.00, 9.25, 11.25 p m. SUNDAYS, 8.15 a m; 12.05, 5.30, 7.25 p m.

For Newburyport, Amesbury and Portsmouth, 6.23 a m; 12.05, 2.30, 4.05, 6.15 p m.

For Exeter and Dover 6.50, 6.50, z7.33, 8.30 a m; 12.05, 3.10, 4.05, 5.10 p m. SUNDAYS, 8.30 p m.

For Rochester and Alton Bay, 8.30 a m; 12.05, 4.05 p m.

For Somersworth, N H, Saco, Old Orchard, and Portland, 6.28, 6.50, z7.33, 8.30 a m; 12.05, 4.05 p m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p m.

For Augusta, Bath, Waterville, 6.50, 8.30 a m; 12.05, 5.10 p m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p m.

For Lewiston, 6.50, 8.30 a m; 12.05, 4.05, 5.10 p m.

For Bangor, Belfast Skowhegan and Rockland 8.30 a m; 5.10 p m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p m.

For St John's, N B, Halifax, N S, 5.10 p m (does not run Saturdays). SUNDAYS, 5.30 p m.

For Eastport and St John, (via steamer from Portland) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 12.05 p m.

For Castine, Deer Isle, Sedgewick, Bar Harbor, Jonesport and Machiasport, (via steamer Frank Jones from Portland), Tuesdays and Fridays at 5.10 p m.

For stations on Grand Trunk R. R., via Portland 8.30 a. m. 12.05, 5.10 p. m.

For Woburn, 6.28, 7.04, 7.33, *7.43, 11.03 a m; 1.48, 4.28 p m. SUNDAYS, 8.43 a m; 4.25, 5.53 p m.

For Ayer Junction and Way-Stations—7.10 a m; 12.00, 5.01 and 5.42 p m. SUNDAYS, 3.15 p m.

For Amherst, Milford and Wilton—9.12a m; 1.00, 3.41, 5.40 p m. SUNDAYS, 2 p m.

For Greenfield, Peterboro, Bennington, Hillsboro and Keene—9.12 a m and 5.41 p m. SUNDAYS to Hillsboro, 3 p m.

For Nashua, Manchester and Concord—7.40, 9.12, *9.40 a m; *12.12, 1.00, *1.40, 3.41, *5.40, 5.47, *8.10, *8.40 p m. SUNDAYS, 10.00 a m (to Nashua only), 9.08 a m; 2.00, 6.03, 8.10, 6.40 p m.

For Franklin, Lebanon and White River Junction—9.12, *9.40 a m; *12.12, *1.40, (to Franklin only) 5.41, 1*3.10 p m.

For Warner, Bradford, Sunapee, Newport, (N H) Claremont and Claremont Junction—7.40, 1.40 p m.

For St Johnsbury, and Lyndonville, via Wells River—*9.40 a m, *1.40, †5.40 p m.

For Montpelier, Essex Junction, Burlington, St Albans, St Johns and Montreal via the Central Vermont Line, *9.40 a m; *12.12, *19.10 p m.

For Montreal and Quebec, via Montreal and Boston Air Line—*9.40 a m; 1*6.40 p m.

QUEBEC EXPRESS, via Plymouth and Sherbrook—9.40 a m., 1*8.40 p m.

References: *Express; †Daily. w Via Western Division. ‡Wednesdays and Saturdays only. ¶ Via Bedford. z Via Wilmington Junction.

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"Every one is the son of his own works," and Dows' Unpressed Roots, Herbs and Barks make medicine the son of your own hands. 350 Central St.

G. O. Taylor Whiskies relieve throat and lung troubles.

THE WEATHER.

Sun rises—7:12; sets, 4:17.
Moon sets—5:17 a. m.
Full sea—9:18 a. m.; 10 p. m.

The storm central over Lake Huron has moved to the mouth of the St. Lawrence and has caused westerly gales in the lake regions and rain or snow in the lake regions and North Atlantic states. An area of high pressure is central in the middle plateau region and has spread in an easterly direction over the whole country, except a slight depression over the upper lake region and northern New England. The weather will grow colder generally in New England, and the cold weather will last till Sunday night. Generally fair weather may be expected.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

HOLIDAY GOODS, LOW PRICES.

We have our usual large assortment of dolls, toys, sleds, skates and fancy china ware. Dickson Bros., the big Tea dealers, 91 Merrimack St.

CATHOLIC PRAYER BOOKS.

A large assortment of nice prayer books, all prices. Pearl rosaries, crucifixes, holy water fonts and holy pictures, religious articles suitable for Christmas present, at Murphy's, 13 Appleton street.

LOCAL NEWS.

Smokers, enjoy Old Hundred Cigars.

T. C. Lee, Fire Ins, 223 Central street.

Elegant rubber tired hacks at O'Donnell's. Telephone, 453-4.

To realize the heat in coal, buy some of W. E. Livingston, 75 Thorndike St.

Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pens for sale at Miss Hard's school, 31 Hildreth Building.

Banjos, guitars, mandolins for Christmas. W. E. Stratton, 14 Hildreth building.

A course of shorthand for your daughter would make a fine Christmas gift. Obtain it at Miss Hard's school. First class in all respects.

When down town tonight look in my window and see if you can't save money by buying your Christmas presents of me. Harris, 10 Appleton St.

Winter term begins January 2nd at Miss Hard's school. Shorthand and typewriting exclusively taught by the latest and most improved methods.

Basket ball game. Burkes vs. Pawtucketville A. C., followed by dancing at Associate hall, Monday evening, Dec. 26. Tickets 25 cents. Music Atwood's orchestra.

If you are in doubt what to do for your son or daughter for Christmas, why not give them a course of shorthand and typewriting at Miss Hard's school? Nothing will yield you better returns.

THE CARRIERS WINDOW.

The carriers window at the post office will be open Saturday evening from 7 to 8 o'clock and Sunday from 12 to 1 o'clock as usual. Give your name and street number and the call will be attended to.

PRESENTATION.

A beautiful Morris chair was presented to Mrs. H. W. Ladd of 60 Kirk street on Thursday evening by her boarders. About 25 of the boarders met in the parlor and enjoyed a fine musical and literary program. Piano selections were given by Miss Ruth Sherburne and Miss Anna Cilley gave a number of readings.

Mrs. William H. Dike made an appropriate presentation speech and when she concluded Mrs. James W. Huntoon presented Mrs. Ladd with the gift above mentioned. The recipient responded in a few remarks.

TEWKSBURY.

GRIP HAS REACHED TOWN.

Mr. I. M. Locke, the courteous and obliging grocer of this town is threatened with an attack of the grip which is becoming quite prevalent hereabouts.

The funeral of Mr. Jeremiah C. Kittredge, formerly of Tewksbury took place on Friday from his late home in Brookline.

The families of Mr. Geo. D. Foristall and H. M. Billings intend spending Christmas at Bellingham with Mr. Billings' father.

Mr. N. F. Frost while engaged in putting up a partition at the state almshouse at Tewksbury Thursday, fell and broke a small bone in his ankle.

BRISK BLAZE.

AT S. DOPKEEN'S SECOND-HAND SHOP LAST NIGHT.

Quite a lively fire occurred last night in the second-hand clothing store of S. Dopkeen in the Bascom estate on Merrimack street adjoining the Bijou theatre. It started in a lot of old clothing pulled too near the stove and it burned briskly destroying nearly all the stock. An alarm from box 7 was rung in and the fire department responded promptly, its quick work preventing a dangerous blaze as the row of buildings is of the tinder-box type. The smoke was intense. Mr. Dopkeen says he is insured for $600.

NORTH CHELMSFORD.

SANCTUARY LADIES SUCCESSFUL ENTERTAINMENT AND CHRISTMAS TREE.

At the new hall of the St. John's Total Abstinence Society in North Chelmsford last evening the Sanctuary Ladies of the St. John's church held a Christmas tree and entertainment. The hall was prettily decorated for the occasion with trees and evergreen. David McEnaney was the Santa Claus and he had a merry time with the young folks. The following entertainment was given: Opening chorus, Sunday school girls; reading, Miss Nellie Harrington; dialogue, "Three Missions," Misses Alice Leahey, Katie Curry and Annie Larkin; Song, Fred McEnaney; dialogue, "Military Discipline," Sunday school boys; song, James J. Barrett; reading, Miss Fannie Garvin; song, Henry McCoy. The entertainment concluded with a doll show by a number of little girls. The North Chelmsford band was present and during the evening they rendered some delightful music.

The public schools closed yesterday afternoon and will not reopen till Monday morning, January 2.

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At the Highland Congregational Church.

ON "MODERN TYPES OF GREATNESS.

Organ Prelude By Solon W. Stevens, Esq.

The following report was crowded out of yesterday's edition:

A very large and delighted audience comprising many of Lowell's leading citizens, was present Thursday evening in the Highland Congregational church, the occasion of the fourth in the series of weekly entertainments.

In the early evening Solon W. Stevens, Esq., gave a highly excellent organ prelude of a half hour's duration and was warmly applauded for his efforts. His last number was so pleasing that he was compelled to respond to a hearty encore.

"Modern Types of Greatness," was the subject of the distinguished lecturer, President William Jewett Tucker, D.D., of Dartmouth college. He was introduced by the pastor of the church Rev. Charles L. Merriam in brief but happily chosen words. Prof. Tucker in opening his lecture said it was better to hide the moral of a tale, though it was not good art to conceal the object.

"My object," said the speaker, "is to try to help in understanding better our own time, with its changes of society. A friend asked me the other day, 'Who is your great man?' The question suggested to me what I wish to express to you. In our contemporary great men, we see greatness in the process of making. We see others great in places where we are small. The great ones of other ages affect us comparatively little. We are more influenced by those in our own age, circumstanced alike with us.

"There are three 'constants' ingredients in greatness. First, originality, by which I mean not mere thinking apart from men, but thinking toward truth in advance of men. The original man is the one who is ahead of us all; not eccentric, but genuine.

"Second, authoritativeness, which puts originality into effect. Not always leadership in life, stubbornly refusing to surrender to the commonplace. Third beneficence in result, material and spiritual. Of course these three constants are not always in equal proportions. One always predominates in each case.

"In these days doubt challenges in the interest of truth. We are in a transition period. The only poet horn of the age that is just passing in all its later phases is Matthew Arnold. The coming poet, born of our coming life, with its iron, smoke and turmoil, is Rudyard Kipling. Men are delving, like Pasteur, in the new realm between the animate and inanimate.

"Science is living in a state of expectancy and full of optimism. Literary men need not be the opposite, for beyond the certainties of science, the poet may sing the faith of mankind. There is every opportunity for the exercise of true, present, authoritative originality which is greatness. Our age will go down to history as the embodiment of this type, with its wealth of originality in promoting progress of science and moral evolution. Knowledge has no country—no class. There is nothing new under the sun is a proverb daily disproved. Our strong masterful age will go into history as the masterful one. Millionaires are not the men of narrow natures, with only a thought of saving money. Cyrus W. Field gave to the world the greatest project of modern times, the ocean cable. His was a characteristic that marks the generation. National unity is also a characteristic of the times. Originality was first shown in the action of the Italian empire. The compelling force of greatness was exemplified in Bismarck. The unification of Germany was the boldest example of unity in modern times.

But to Abraham Lincoln, in the late civil war, as the beneficence of the American people more than exemplified in the greatness of one man. At the time we did not know it. Now we know it all. Who knows what our power in the late war with Spain means? Other nations will recognize that power as our authority. Originality is the form of investigation. Authority is that form developed. Beneficence is an incentive to greatness. Without it we fail to have the spirit to work with sufficient intensity to produce greatness. Imagination may do what reality fails in. Progress is the persistent struggle of souls working in the interest of God. The beneficence motive may give us heights yet unattained. Socrates is not to be confounded with genius. Genius cannot interpret itself and lasts from age to age. Real authority and knowledge are as yet painfully lacking.

"I deprecate," said the speaker, in concluding, "the critical tendency of a large part of society. Let criticism be merciless in overthrowing vice and corruption. But let it not be misapplied as it is every day in carping at little things. Treat our great men as they deserve. We do not reward them with honor. Instead we give the shortest terms of office possible, and rotate men in them. Trust them and honor them, there must be moral evolution to go with the evolution going on in the material world. Only so shall we find the best results accruing from modern authoritative originality, which is the greatness of the present day."

At the conclusion of the lecture a number of former Dartmouth college students and prominent Lowell citizens shook hands with the distinguished president.

The last entertainment in this series will be held on Wednesday evening next when there will be a song recital by Prof. William Heinrich, tenor, assisted by Nina Fletcher, violinist.

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Knives and Forks and everything in the gold and silver line. What more acceptable present could a person think of bestowing upon another than a nice gold or silver watch? We have them for less than they can be purchased in any of the stores in Lowell. A most acceptable present for grandma or grandpa would be a pair of cut lower spectacles or eye glasses. Wedding presents, wedding rings, in short everything in the gold and silver line at rock bottom prices at

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For 1899, with the New England Edition, we begin a new departure. We have added thirty-two pages, and have given over these thirty-two pages, not to any information about the House of Ayer or its medicines, but we have crowded them full of intelligent and helpful facts for the family, farmer, housewife, and student, making it a whole handy reference library boiled down into one small book of reference.

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from this time forward, that this almanac may get into the hands only of those who actually desire it and will be interested in preserving it. What costs nothing is usually regarded as of little value.

Your druggist will show you a copy of the new almanac, if he is up to date enough to have taken advantage of our liberal offers to him. If he doesn't happen to have it, some other druggist in your town will, or you can mail a two-cent stamp to the J. C. Ayer Company, Lowell, Mass., and receive one free by return mail.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL.

Loyal Victoria Lodge, I. O. O. F. M. U., has elected the following officers: Noble grand, Mrs. Lucy Fernley; vice grand, Miss Margaret Ferguson; elective secretary, Miss Alice Duckworth; permanent secretary, Michael Emslie; treasurer, Mrs. Mary A. Pass; chaplain, Miss Ida Roper; warden, Miss Charlotte Butterfield; conductor, Miss Belle Paige; guard, Mrs. Nancy Neild; trustee, Mrs. Emma Lord; auditors, Miss Jessie Lynch and Mrs. Jennie Scoble; physician, Dr. Charles L. Sweetair.

Court Gen. Shields, F. of A., at their regular semi-annual election elected the following officers: Chief ranger, Martin Flaherty; sub chief ranger, Thomas Roark; treasurer, John A. O'Hearn; financial secretary, James H. Sullivan; recording secretary, Francis J. Mullen; senior woodward, Felix McPartland; junior woodward, Patrick Carty; senior beedle, James Cox; junior beedle, James E. Lang; trustee for 3 years, John E. Mullen, and physician, Dr. A. G. Halpin.

Bay State colony, Pilgrim Fathers elected the following officers: Governor, James Taylor; lieutenant governor, Mrs. Ella Sawyer; secretary, Carrie I. Corbett; collector, Annie Crawford; treasurer, Dennis Dilworth; chaplain, Louise Williams, sergeant at arms, O. C. Johnson; deputy sergeant at arms, John Murringham; sentinels, Mary Bascom and John Crawford; trustees, C. Bagley, J. L. Jewett, Charles Carr; pianist, Carrie I. Corbett.

Montauk encampment, I. O. O. F., have elected officers as follows: Chief patriarch, F. E. Wyman; high priest, W. W. Wyman; senior warden, J. H. Breton; junior warden, H. V. Kittredge; trustee for three years, E. S. Bickford; scribe, John Thornber, and treasurer, Richard Gumb.

Passaconaway Tribe of Red Men nominated officers at its last meeting.

Veritas Lodge, I. O. O. F. worked the third degree on three candidates at its last meeting.

A fair and entertainment for the benefit of General Fiske lodge, I. O. G. T., was opened Thursday night in Highland hall, and continued last night. A lively business was done at the various tables, and the supper and entertainment reflected credit upon the respective committees. The programme was composed of orchestral selections, songs and readings. The following were the committees in charge of the affair:

Mystery table, Edith McDonald, Mrs. Locke and Grace Maxfield; peanut barrel, Paul Ladd; bean bottle, Adam Myrick; lemonade stand, Miss Nora McDonald, Miss Howell; ice cream, Messrs McDonald and Flanders; post office, Howard Harlow, Harry Maguire, Chas. Stanley and Joseph Coburn; entertainment, Mr. Gardner, Mrs. Myrrick, Mrs. Tryon; bean bag, D. H. Harlow, Ernest Locke; flower table, Misses Lillie Wood and Grace Farrell; supper, Mrs. Myrrick, Mrs. Luce, Mrs. Tryon, Mrs. Jones; paper, Messrs. Wood, Oatman, Myrrick and Burdick, and Mrs. Locke; tickets, Messrs. Burdick and Armistead; candy table, Mr. and Mrs. Oatman; popcorn stand, Harry McDonald and Frank Luce; check room, Belle Jones and T. Sanders.

About 150 couples made merry at the first grand ball of the Xaviers in Prescott hall Thursday night. Hibbard's orchestra provided music for the occasion and dancing was enjoyed from 8 o'clock until after midnight. During the intermission supper was served, the catering being in charge of George S. Holt.

The following was the committee in charge: General manager, Rod'k Chisholm; assistant, Harvey Belleau; floor director, Ernest E. Bailey; assistant, Finley Chisholm; chief aid, James J. Conroy; aids, F. B. Looney, Edward Cahill, Thomas Tully, Fred Humphreys, H. J. Dow, W. J. Chisholm, Samuel Smith, John Kenney, William Taylor.

MATRIMONIAL.

SMITH-MARSHALL.

At South Bend, Ind., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Ullery, November 23, 1898, Elder Arthur N. Smith and Miss Lottie B. Marshall were married by Rev. Mr. Skinner, pastor of the M. E. church. The ceremoney was witnessed by a small company of friends. Rev. Mr. Smith's home is in Vermont while the bride's home is Lowell, Mass. Both are graduates of the Bible Training School of Mendota College. Elder Smith is now pastor of the mission on South Michigan street, South Bend. They will reside in South Bend, Ind.

DANE-SPRAGUE.

In the parlor of the American House Thursday evening, the Rev. Mr. Morang united Mr. Lewis Dane of Westford and Mrs. Hattie Sprague of Albine, Tex., in wedlock. Mr. Howard Sprague was best man and Miss Nina Dane was bridesmaid. The bride was handsomely gowned in cream brocade satin with Chiffin lace with diamonds and carried white pinks and brides roses. Mr. and Mrs. Dane will reside in Westford for the present. Immediate friends only were present.

HOWE-VOSE.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Parker, 192 Hildreth street, Wednesday evening their daughter, Clara M. Vose, was united in marriage to Walter T. Howes, Rev. S. T. Ford was the officiating clergyman. Bertha M. Merrill, cousin of the bride, was the bridesmaid and Mr. George Howes, brother of the groom, was the best man.

Disraeli said: "Man is not the creature of circumstances; circumstances are the creatures of men." Make your hand clear and strong by using Dow's Menthol Cream.

CRISP GOSSIP.

Nashua has upwards of 200 cases of grip. Six of the leading physicians canvassed yesterday, had a total of 123 cases.

The little folks appear to be growing more sophisticated for fewer letters addressed to Santa Claus have been dropped in the mail boxes than ever before.

Each year at Christmas tide there are hundreds of Lowell's adopted citizens who remember the friends they left behind in foreign lands. Their presents are usually money, as it is more convenient to send cash in one form or another than it is to send any other token of friendship and regard.

Merry Christmas to everybody.

"I wonder," says the Nashua Telegraph, "if people ever think that newspapermen make their bread and butter by writing—not what they want—but what the owners of the newspapers upon which they are employed, think the public wants. These same people would never in the wide world think of asking a newspaper man to give them $5 or $10 or $15, as the case might be, but they have no hesitation in asking them to refrain from writing a 'story' for which they would be paid $5 or $10 or $15. Usually if the newspaperman grants the request he gets a cold dish of thanks, and is convinced that the person who has made the request is of the opinion that he is only doing his duty."

Candidates for the city offices are hustling.

The street crossings are in a very bad condition.

Store clerks are kept busy these days but the purchases are not worth more than 50 per cent of what they were in past years.

Next Tuesday there will be a total eclipse of the moon, which, if the night is fair, will be visible throughout New England. It will begin at 5 p. m., and will end at 8.36 p. m. The moon will be full at 6.39 p. m. This is the only one of the six eclipses of '98 that will be visible in New England. An eclipse, by the way is something that but what comparatively few people have seen. Probably this is due to the fact that a majority of them occur after midnight.

The grip is gaining its hold on Lowell people.

Expressmen are handling lots of goods at present.

The small boy is kicking because now in vacation time "there ain't no skating." Surely there has been a noticeable lack of skating this winter and it looks now as if it would be some time before there is any smooth ice. At the present time the ice is covered with a thin covering of snow.

Bad walking these days.

Travel in the country in very bad.

The streets were thronged last evening with Christmas shoppers.

The Boston Globe had Col. John C. Linehan slated for assistant U. S. treasurer at Boston. At least, it printed his picture as that of the man selected to succeed Assistant Treasurer Joseph H. O'Neil. The name of Hon. George A. Marden was under Colonel Linehan's portrait.

The rush at the postoffice lasted clear up to the closing hour last evening.

A large number of Lowell friends were present at the wedding in Lawrence on Wednesday of Engineer Samuel A. Bowie of the Pacific mills and Miss Lizzie Bean.

Don't let the little ones suffer from eczema or other torturing skin diseases. No need for it. Doan's Ointment cures. Can't harm the most delicate skin. At any drug store, 50 cents.

NEW YEAR OPENING.

Special rates of tuition to those who enroll on or before January 2, 1899, for a business or shorthand course, day or evening, at the

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LOWELL SHOULD IMITATE.

Superintendent Morton has put on extra cars for the accommodation of Christmas shoppers. Glen Forest cars are run half hourly to relieve traffic on the Lowell line. On the Andover line commencing Wednesday, two cars were run on 20-minute time, so great was the traffic. Commencing on Thursday extra cars wer run on the Methuen and North Andover lines.

The Lowell and Suburban street railway would do well to imitate the example set by the sister city down the river. On Thursday evening the accommodations were "fierce" to say the least, for those who were caught out in the storm.

Saturday, December 24, 1898.

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Merry Christmas

And to make it merrier still to those who have not yet bought all their presents we can show AT REDUCED PRICES:

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A large variety, dressed and undressed.

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For Boys and Girls. Always amusing, and prices very low.

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In Lace, Mull, Linen and Lawn, plain white, fancy bordered, embroidered, lace trimmed or hand made, all kinds and qualities from 5c up.

Aprons.
2500 Ladies' White Aprons in plain white or fancy, Hamburg or lace trimmed, at from 25c up.

Skirts.
Ladies' Sateen Petticoats, lined throughout, at 93c, $1.39, $1.50, $1.75 and $2.00.
Italian Cloth Petticoats at from $2.00 up.
Moreen Skirts, Quilted Skirts and Silk Skirts at our usual low prices.

Mufflers.
Remember that our stock of Silk Mufflers for Ladies or Gentlemen is the largest in this city. Handsome goods, rich designs and at extremely low prices.

Umbrellas.
500 Ladies' and Gents' Umbrellas in Silk, Gloria, Coreia or Taffeta Covers, with Princess, Opera, Dog Family, Natural Wood, Dresden, Pearl, Ivory, Gold, Silver, Horn Handles, at from 75c up to $5.

Linen.
100 Linen Table Sets, fringed, in plain white or fancy colored borders, at from $2 up to $10.

Gents' Ties.
1000 Gents' Ties made in the latest shapes, such as Ascots, Puffs, Bows, Teeks, Princess, Four-in-Hands and Operas, in light and dark colors, also fancy shades at 25c and 50c each.

Gloves.
Extra quality Ladies' Kid Gloves, in button, hook, clasp or lace, at from 50c a pair upwards to $3.

Be sure to examine our line of Atomizers, Rose Bowls, Pictures, Easels, Toilet Sets, Manicure Sets, Glove Boxess, Handkerchief Cases, Perfumery, Clocks, Vases, Plaques, Elastics, Jewelry, etc., etc.

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